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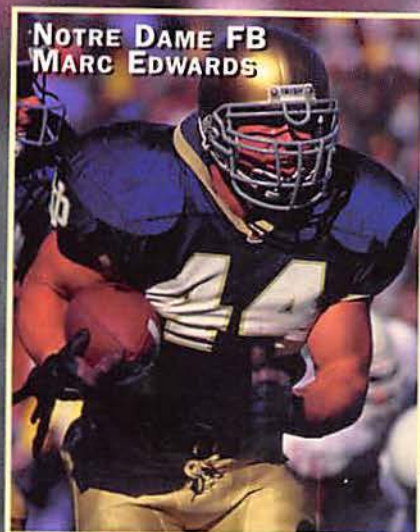
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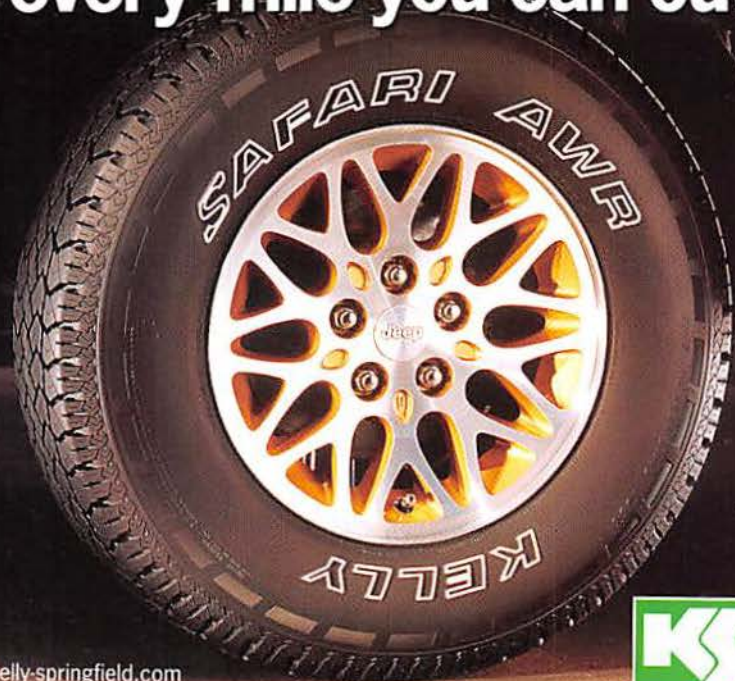


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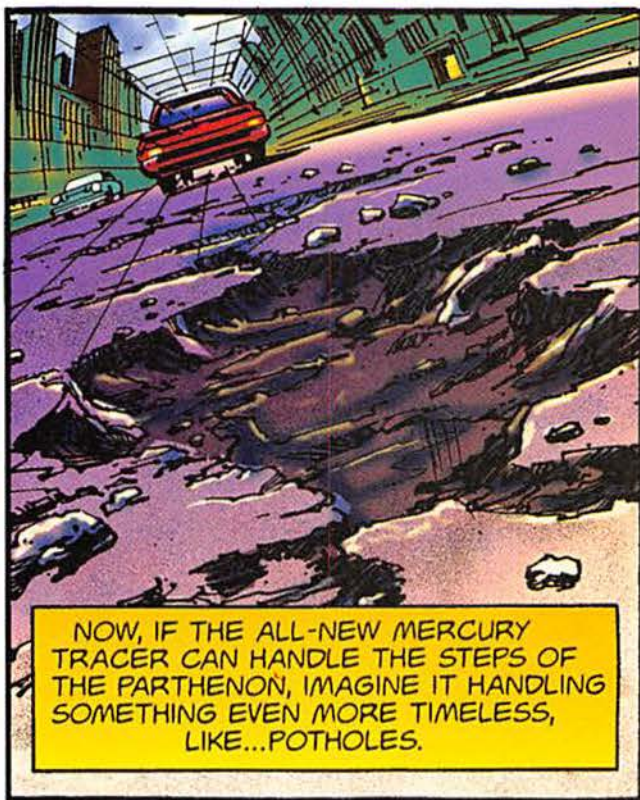
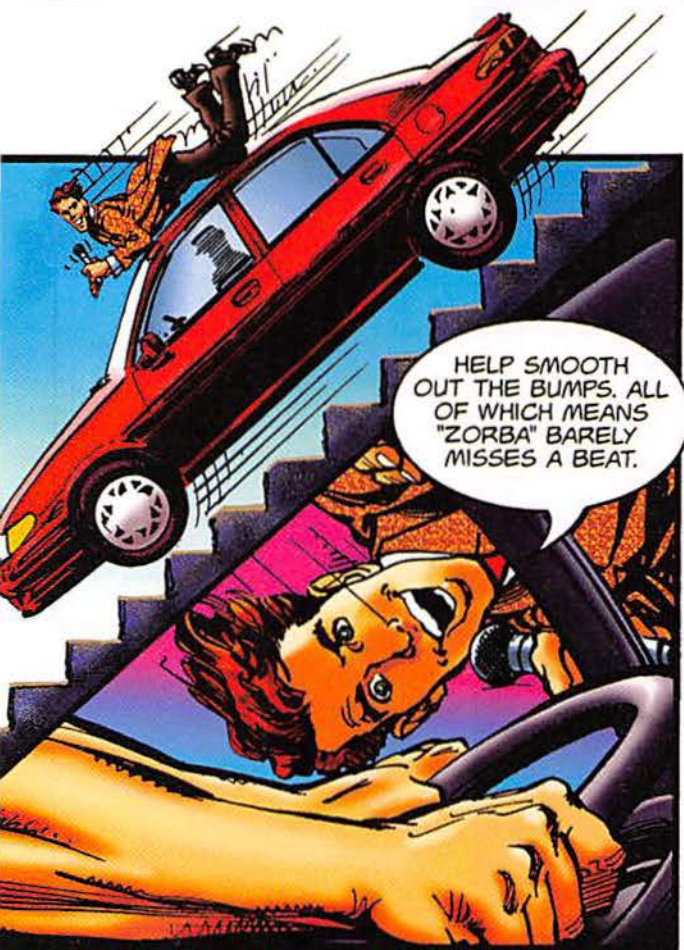


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College fans will argue about the greatest teams and which school has built a better program long after the games — and even the season — are over. We would like to offer our assistance to squelching (or perhaps, prolonging) the arguments over the best college football programs.

We considered the best programs since World War II, an era covering the last 50 years. This period in college football history is meaningful because that's when platoon football began, the T-formation became widely used and rules were changed that reflect the modern game. We know our choices will inspire arguments, but that would happen regardless of the selections. After all, this is college football we're talking about, and the home teams are always better than anyone else. Go ahead, ask any die-hard fan.

Anyway, writer Pat Forde conducted the research and, using criteria that go well beyond won-lost records, compiled a Top 20 of the best programs of the modern era. Check our rankings of The SuperPowers starting on page 15. Let us know if you agree with our nominations.

We are eagerly anticipating the upcoming season and have isolated 20 reasons (thanks to Malcolm Moran of *The New York Times*) why fans should be excited this fall. Beginning on page 32, read Moran's concept of the most compelling stories to follow in 1996.

College cheerleaders and majorettes remain the loveliest attractions enhancing college game days. Our photographers visited six ladies capturing them in relaxed, fashionable settings on campus. The pictorial begins on page 195.

This is our second edition of *Athlon Sports National College Football*. Our 1995 edition was a great success, proving that college football fans are not bound to single regions and interest is spread throughout the country. Once again, our national edition provides coverage of all 111 Division I-A teams, complete with in-depth analyses and depth charts. We hope you find it informative and enjoyable. Let us know what you think. We look forward to your letters and can be reached by fax at (615) 327-1149 or e-mail at [athlon@nashville.net](mailto:athlon@nashville.net).

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## **Pat Forde, *The Courier-Journal* (Louisville)**

Forde never played college football, but was a mediocre tight end in high school for the hottest coach in the business today, Gary Barnett. Forde played for Barnett at Air Academy High School in Colorado Springs, Colo., in 1980 and '81. The Kadets won 21 and lost five those two seasons, advancing to the state semifinals both years. Forde takes all the credit for molding Barnett into the miracle worker he has become at Northwestern.

Off the field, Forde has worked for *The Courier-Journal* since his graduation from the University of Missouri in 1987, spending the last 3 ½ years as a columnist. Prior to that he covered Southern Indiana high school, regional and national college football and basketball, spending two years as the University of Kentucky beat writer.

His most memorable moment covering college football came after the 1989 Fiesta Bowl, in which Notre Dame crushed West Virginia 34-13 to win the national championship. Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz had just shaken hands with Don Nehlen when a fan rushed up to swipe the cap off Holtz' head. Newly minted title quickly forgotten, Holtz sprinted after the miscreant and knocked him to the Sun Devil Stadium turf, taking back his hat and walking off like nothing ever happened. At that point Forde made a mental note never to mess with Holtz.

Forde's story, "The SuperPowers," begins on page 15.

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Moran's story, "20 Reasons to Follow College Football in 1996," begins on page 32.

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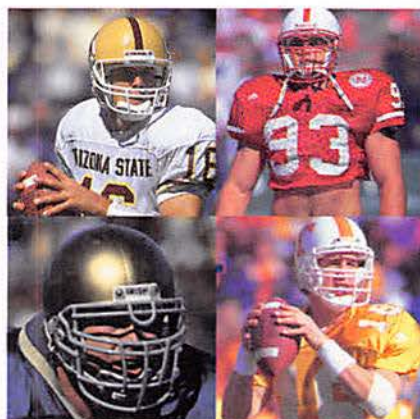
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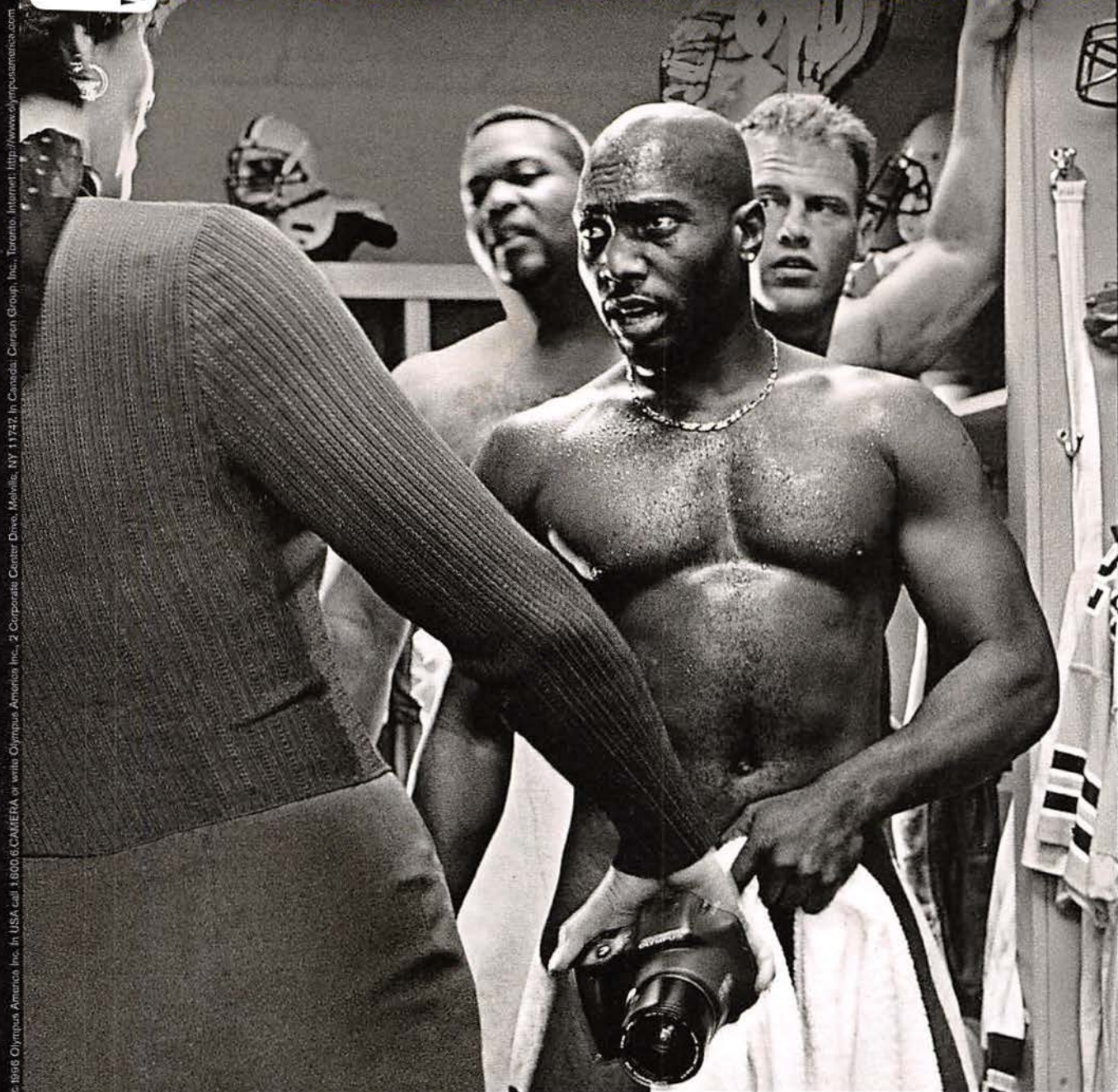
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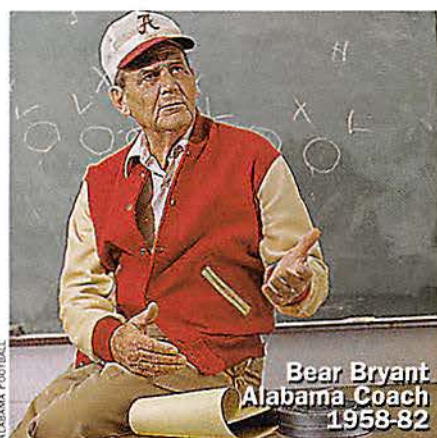
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# the SUPERPOWERS

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The Louisville Courier-Journal

## Athlon Rates the Top 20 College Football Programs of the Modern Era



**Bear Bryant**  
Alabama Coach  
1958-82

**W**hen Steve Owens was a kid growing up in the remote Oklahoma burg of Miami (pronounced "Miami"), hard by the Kansas and Missouri borders, there was only one proper way to spend a fall Saturday: making the three-hour trek to Memorial Stadium in Norman to watch Bud Wilkinson's mighty Oklahoma Sooners.

"You could buy a ticket for a dollar," Owens recalls. "I'd sit in the south stands and say, 'Boy, I'd sure like to play here someday.' When I was growing up, all I thought about was playing football for the University of Oklahoma."

By the time Owens had grown into a man-sized running back, Wilkinson was gone. But he had already spent his entire lifetime dreaming of filling one of those crimson jerseys, so there was no turning back.

He became a Sooner. He became a star on a 10-1 team for Chuck Fairbanks in 1967 and a Heisman Trophy winner in '69. He became part of the human bridge that kept the program powerful between the Wilkinson dynasty of the forties and fifties and the Barry Switzer dynasty of the seventies and eighties.

That, in a nutshell, is how the nebulous notion known as tradition works. And no sport is more reliant upon tradition than college football.

Tradition builds a recruiting base. Tradition builds a fan base, making home football games the centerpiece of the social calendar in many college towns. Tradition lures quality coaches, television cameras and bowl scouts.

And all that, in turn, lures the next generation of little dreamers, some of whom grow up to become everybody's All-American. Many of the rest grow up to become boosters who spend a fortune on season tickets to watch those All-Americans. They drive into town two days before home games in their Winnebagos (the ones that play the fight song when they honk the horn), buy up every T-shirt and trinket in the bookstore and enjoy a life that revolves around The Program.

Both types are vital to success.

Tradition is what brings tailbacks to Southern California, quarterbacks to Brigham Young, line-backers to Penn State and walk-ons to Nebraska. Schools with truly great tradition become self-perpetuating superpowers.

"Tradition is very important," says legendary former Michigan coach Bo Schembechler. "If you look at the best programs today, they're usually programs that traditionally have been successful."

This story ranks the superpowers of the modern era — defined, for our purposes, as the period from World War II to the present. That roughly coincides with the emergence of the T-formation and the rise of two-platoon football, which catapulted the game forward.

And in that time the superpowers have been sculpted by legendary coaches. Players come and go in quadrenniums (or less these days), leaving the precious commodity of continuity to men named Joe Paterno, Frank Howard, Woody Hayes, Shug Jordan and Tom Osborne — men big enough to handle big jobs for the long haul.

"Your program has to be properly administered and coached," Schembechler says. "And generally,

coaches who have been successful have stayed for a long period of time. I knew once I came to Michigan I was not going to look any further.

"I'm not sure it's going to continue like that. The circumstances are such that it's going to be more difficult. You have the pressure of filling the stadium while the NCAA continues to cut their grants and staff."

According to Darrell Royal, the giant of Texas Longhorn football: "It's extremely hard to build tradition when you're constantly changing coaches. If, as a coach, you've got 'It,' you'll last. And I can't tell you what 'It' is. But you need to have it."

They might know the value of a coach with "It" at the University of Kentucky better than anywhere — under the heading of We Never Knew How Good We Had 'It' Until We Lost 'It.' A former football coach at the school in the 1950s had this to say after he had moved on:

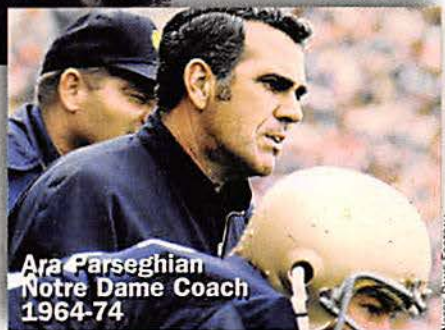
"I knew it was time to leave when they had a banquet and they gave Adolph (Rupp, the legendary basketball coach) a Cadillac and they gave me a cigarette lighter."

The football coach, who left for Texas A&M, then wound up in Alabama for a spell, went by the nickname "Bear."

In the gridiron graveyard



**Notre Dame Coach Lou Holtz**



**Ara Parseghian**  
Notre Dame Coach  
1964-74



of Lexington they still tell that story in a wistful, what-if tone.

A great coach can become a legend in places that afford little in the way of competing loyalty. If you've been to the utterly unremarkable towns of Clemson, S.C., and Auburn, Ala., you can understand why football is so vital to the populace. The only other place to spend your time is the Wal-Mart.

But as important as location, location, location and coaching are, great programs are sustained by the young Steve Owens of America. By the little kids in the cheap seats and — this being the

They were here before the state of Florida became the capital of college football and Northwestern became the story of the century. They were here before the superconference, the five-wide-receiver formation and the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. They've seen the games become more racially diverse, which is good, and take four hours to play, which is bad.

Through all the changes over the past five decades, you know which towns draw the most little dreamers to the cheap seats: Tuscaloosa, Lincoln and University Park, Pa.; Columbus, Ann Arbor and Austin, Texas; South Bend and Los Angeles and, more recently, Miami.

Those are the addresses of the nine greatest college football programs of the last half-century. They are the true superpowers, the multiple national-title winners, kept there over the years by the nebulous notion of tradition.

## 1. NOTRE DAME

Forget the fact that the Fighting Irish have won seven national titles since World War II. Forget the fact that no school has more Heisman Trophy winners, more All-Americans and more scheduling clout. Forget the fact that Notre Dame tells the National Broadcasting Company what to do.

If tradition is the ground floor of college football, this is the school that laid the foundation.

"When you first come to the campus, coming up Notre Dame Avenue, you see the golden dome and you can feel the history and tradition that goes with it," Ara Parseghian said two decades ago in the book, *The Fighting Irish: Notre Dame Football Through the Years*.

What shocked Parseghian was "the magnitude of Notre Dame on a national scale. I don't want to put down the other schools like Ohio State or Alabama, but we're national."

They are the lone ubiquitous presence in a regional game. The Irish recruit everywhere, play everywhere, are lauded by subway alumni everywhere (about 200 alumni clubs around the world), and are hated by rivals everywhere.

Depending on your viewpoint, Notre Dame is either the greatest thing or the worst thing that ever happened to football.

"Half the world loves Notre Dame and the other half seems to hate us," associate vice president Richard W. Conklin said in 1991. "I couldn't begin to tell you when it started, but I can tell you that there aren't many people unemotional and objective about us."

No Notre Dame game goes unnoticed. No star player goes underexposed. No defeat fails to register on the Richter Scale.

When one of the most famous nicknames in the history of sport — The Four Horsemen — is written about your backfield by one of the most famous writers in the history of sport, you are big. When a bench-warming walk-on has a movie made about his life, you are very big. When a future president of the United States por-

trays one of your running backs on the silver screen, you are huge.

Best of all with the Irish, they have managed to be huge within the rules. The NCAA enforcement staff doesn't know the way to South Bend, and the players tend to graduate in much higher numbers than at other powerhouses. Combine that with the aforementioned tradition and Notre Dame is the clear No. 1 in this elite Top 20.

But there's the rub — and with every team in this list, there is a rub. You don't have to go far in the college football world to find critics who will label Notre Dame the nation's No. 1 program for sanctimony and hypocrisy. The recent book *Under The Tarnished Dome* did its best to knock Notre Dame off its pedestal, alleging abusive behavior by coach Lou Holtz and steroid use by players.

And the school's own demanding fans will tell you that there has been only one national title (in 1988) in the past 19 years. Notre Dame is the all-time leader in winning percentage (.759) — but it wasn't in the national Top 20 in the 1980s (.658), and so far it's trailing the elite programs in the '90s, too.

But that's hardly enough to lower the arms of Touchdown Jesus. By any measure, this is the most powerful of superpowers.

## 2. ALABAMA

"The definition of an atheist in Alabama is someone who doesn't believe in Bear Bryant."

— Former Georgia AD Wally Butts.

They still believe in the Bear in 'Bama. Thirteen years after Bryant's death, they still believe.

He won more games than any other coach in Division I-A history. Won five national titles. Took 24 straight Crimson Tide teams to bowl games between 1959-82. Made an obscure style of hat famous.

And he held a football-inflamed state in such thrall that we may never again see the like of it.

At a time when this southern state was being split at the seams by desegregation, Bear Bryant and Alabama football were common ground.

Former Alabama coach Bill Curry likes to tell the story of in-state recruiting for the Crimson Tide in the late 1980s. He said you'd go into the home of a white player and see three pictures on the wall: Jesus, JFK and the Bear. In the home of a black player you'd see three pictures as well: Jesus, MLK and the Bear.

It's not much different in the mid-'90s. There was a mobile home outside the 1994 Alabama-

Auburn game at Birmingham's Legion Field that had a rather poor stuffed likeness of Gene Stallings mounted on the front. On Gene's shoulder perched a little likeness of the Bear,

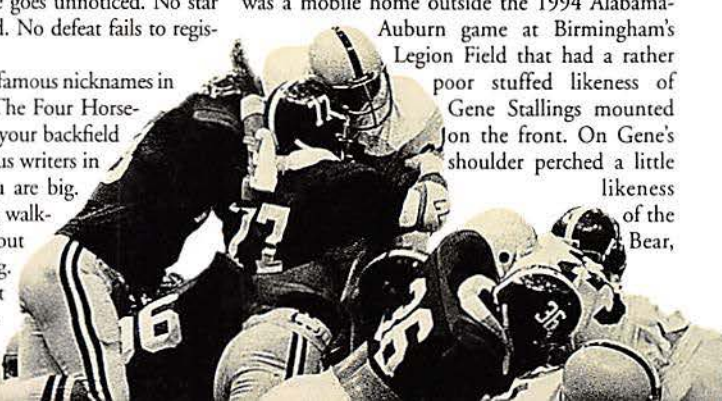


nineties — in front of the television sets. Kids who grow up watching winners with the hope and belief that one day they will be part of that school's glory.

The little kid must have friends. In basketball a single recruit can reverse the fortunes of a program for at least four years; in football it takes a larger cast.

That's one reason why people look at the college football polls and see many of the usual suspects from year to year and decade to decade. Your occasional comets will shoot across the horizon — Maryland, Georgia Tech, Pittsburgh and Texas A&M have all had their bursts of glory — but there are few constants in the football constellation.

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**Alabama QBs Joe Namath (left) and Ken Stabler**

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There was a large gathering of folks staring at this display. Nobody was laughing.

Stallings, of course, was one of Bear's boys, and he continued Bear's work by winning the national title in 1992 (his team also landed on NCAA probation last year). His predecessor, Curry, was not one of Bear's boys, having had the gall to play and coach at former rival Georgia Tech. If Bryant is God, then that pretty much made Curry the antichrist in three tumultuous years in Tuscaloosa.

At no place is pedigree more important than Alabama. If you don't have some link to the Bear in your background, you're better off elsewhere.

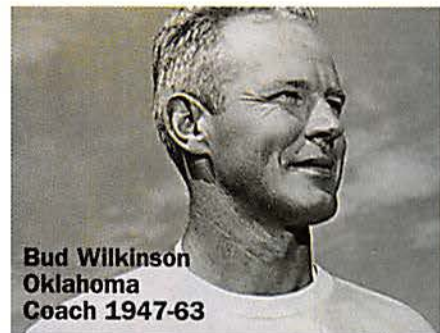
Bryant seemed to handle it all with such ease: the demands of fans, the media, the pressures of the pedestal. He simply knocked himself off that pedestal on a regular basis.

"Most coaches study the films when they lose," the Bear once said. "I study them when we win, to see if I can figure out what I did right."

He must have spent a lot of time studying film.

### 3. OKLAHOMA

You can make a compelling case that the six-time national champion Sooners are underrated at No. 3.



**Bud Wilkinson  
Oklahoma  
Coach 1947-63**

Since Bud Wilkinson took over in 1947, no school has had a better winning percentage or been ranked consistently higher than Oklahoma. Nobody had a better record in the 1950s (93-10-2) and the 1970s (102-13-3). The Sooners won 47 straight games from 1953-57, the longest winning streak on record, during the Wilkinson era. The 1995 *NCAA Football Records Book* acknowledges only seven dynasties in the past 50 years, and two belong to Oklahoma (1948-58 and 1971-80).

But there are two big problems with this program: its tawdry off-the-field past and its mediocre on-the-field present.

The James Gang was no bigger band of outlaws than the Sooners of the late 1980s. The egregious misconduct of those days involving firearms, felonies and pharmaceuticals has left a scar that has been slow to heal. The coup de grace was the image of quarterback Charles Thompson on the cover of *Sports Illustrated* in handcuffs. And we haven't even mentioned Brian Bosworth.

Out went the colossally successful Switzer. In came glamorous Gary Gibbs to clean up what had become a toxic waste dump.

Gibbs played it clean but played it poorly. His teams regularly beat the tar out of Missouri and Iowa State but were 4-16-1 against the Big Three rivals of Texas, Colorado and Nebraska. He was ridden out on a rail after the 1994 season.

In his place strutted Howard Schnellenberger, who wrought the Miami Miracle and brought legitimacy to a terrible program at Louisville. Schnellenberger brayed that "books would be written and movies made" about his great work on the Great Plains, then turned in a season so bad that people actually missed Gibbs. Schnellenberger went 5-5-1, Oklahoma's worst record in 30 years, and left in tatters after a single season.

"We're still working hard to get our program back where it should be," says Owens, a successful Norman businessman and one of the school's most influential boosters. "That's in the Top 10 and hopefully challenging for a national championship."

"This is a 900-pound gorilla here. People here, 7-4 or 8-3 doesn't do it for them. The bar is set so high that the toughest thing for us to be is patient."

There is no choice right now.

### 4. NEBRASKA

How's this for a twist: The staid old Cornhuskers — coached by a certifiable square, cheered by farmers and built upon that most basic of plays, the handoff — are The Now Team.

Against all odds, bell-bottoms and wide lapels are back, and Nebraska football is actually hip.

The Huskers, winners of two consecutive national championships and 25 consecutive games, are dominating the mid-1990s. They turned in the most devastating big-game performance in recent memory last Jan. 2, when they hung 62 stunning points on the Fiesta Bowl scoreboard against undefeated Florida.

"The fact that we haven't been able to compete

**Oklahoma RB Billy Sims**



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**Barry Switzer  
Oklahoma  
Coach 1973-88**

with Nebraska the last seven or eight years is very difficult," Owens says, "because people here consider us the Big Red. But nobody has been able to compete with them the last couple years."

It's been interesting to see coach Tom Osborne go through this late-career revision. He's still one of the publicly dullest humans on Earth, but he's no longer considered out of touch.

For two decades he'd been the football equivalent of Dean Smith, piling up routinely brilliant seasons but failing to bring home the ultimate prize — and even Smith got that monkey off his back with the 1982 NCAA Tournament title. The



**Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne**

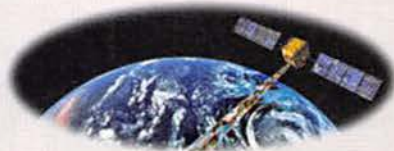


**Nebraska RB Mike Rozier**

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football world had just about decided that Osborne's teams would never be offensively diverse enough or defensively swift enough to compete with the Miamis and Florida States.

Then, after a shift in recruiting philosophy, along came a terrifyingly fast bunch of Huskers and a dynamic double-threat quarterback in Tommie Frazier. They were perfect additions to the usual armada of I-backs and corn-fed linemen — still the basic building blocks of a Tom Osborne team.

And the basic building blocks still work. In the fast-break style of offensive football currently favored by Bobby Bowden, Steve Spurrier and others, Nebraska is proving that it still is more effective to punish than to dazzle.

If they could keep everyone in the starting lineup and out of the police lineup, they'd be just about perfect. No school has had more players awarded postgraduate academic scholarships (24) or named academic All-America (48), but the scandals involving Christian Peter and Lawrence Phillips have left a black mark on the Blackshirts that will take time to erase.

## 5. PENN STATE



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No, the man in the storm-window-thick glasses does not beat his chest. He does not spend time mooning at his program's bursting trophy case. He is bereft of public braggadocio.

"The minute you think you've got it made, disaster is just around the corner," Joe Paterno says.

After three decades in Happy Valley, disaster hasn't rounded that corner yet on Joe Pa. The 69-year-old Brooklyn native has won 278 games, best among active coaches. He's won 17 bowl



ATHLON ARCHIVES

games, more than any other coach in history. He's been flexible to win with offense, with defense, with air-it-out passing and with between-the-tackles conservatism.

He's had undefeated teams in the 1960s, '70s, '80s, and '90s, so he's certainly not doing a slow fade into retirement. In 1994, Penn State was 12-0, and just this past spring there were more Nittany lions drafted than from any other team.

And in this transient era, Paterno has done it all at one address.

There have been more than 600 coaching changes in Division I-A football since 1966 — none of them at Penn State. Only Amos Alonzo Stagg's 41 years of service as head coach at Chicago are longer than Paterno's 30 with the Nittany Lions.

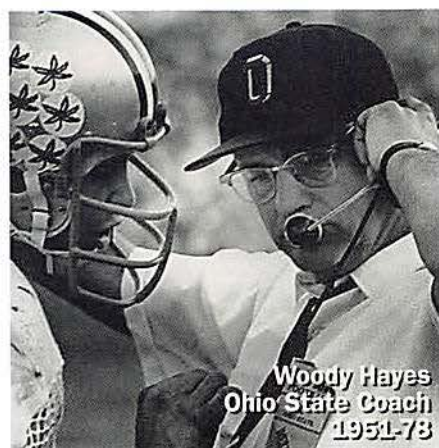
In fact, that's the Penn State hallmark. If Darrell Royal says coaching longevity is vital to fostering tradition, this place should have more tradition than any other. It has had only two head coaches since 1950, with Rip Engle preceding Paterno.

The most readily obvious Penn State tradition is the classic generic uniform look. But there Paterno has made one bothersome bow to business: He's allowed the appearance of the omnipresent Nike swoosh on the shoulder of the jerseys — showing that even at Penn State, tradition is for sale.

## 6. OHIO STATE

In the last 50 years only Notre Dame and Oklahoma have logged more time ranked No. 1 in the weekly Associated Press poll than the Buckeyes. They've spent 60 weeks atop America — but only twice were they on top when it mattered most, at end of the season, in 1954 and '68.

From September 1969 through December 1975, Ohio State and Woody Hayes' full-house T backfield was No. 1 in the AP poll 39 weeks. The rest of the country had it the other 44



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twice, a week in 1979 and one in '80. In the '80s and '90s a total of 21 schools have taken a turn at No. 1 — including Virginia, of all schools — which makes Ohio State the longest gone of the nine-school superpower class.

You have to think back to Rex Kern, Jack Tatum and John Brockington to remember the last national champions in Columbus. Hence, the omnipresent heat on current coach John Cooper, who keeps stocking the first round of the National Football League draft — Dan Wilkinson, Korey Stringer, Joey Galloway, Terry Glenn, Eddie George, Rickey Dudley — but can't seem to find the Rose Bowl.

Hayes took Ohio State to the Pasadena promised land eight times. The Bucks have been back only twice in the 17 seasons since Woody punched out (literally) as coach, both times under Earle Bruce. Problem is, the road to the Roses keeps running through Ann Arbor, and Cooper has only beaten Michigan once in eight tries at Ohio State.

Maybe Cooper is too nice a guy to get it all the way done at Woody Hayes' old school. It was, after all, Woody who once said, "It worries me that there's supposed to be two coaches meaner than I am. I would hate to have them start referring to me as 'Good Old Woody.'"

Under a mean coach or a nice coach, this pro-



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weeks. But Texas, Nebraska, Southern California, Notre Dame and Oklahoma won the titles, while the Buckeyes had to settle for coming close.

Since 1975 the Buckeyes have been No. 1 just

gram is a lifer in the superpower class, as consistent as it gets. Ohio State and Penn State are the only schools to rank in the top 20 winningest programs, by decade, every decade in the latter half of the century. The Buckeyes have managed to win at



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least 70 percent of their games in the 1950s, '60s, '70s, '80s and '90s.

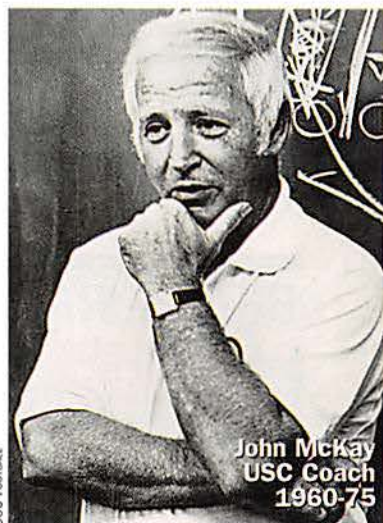
## 7. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



**Trojan All-Americans Charles White, Marcus Allen and Lynn Swann**

If there is a school that can stay in the ring with Notre Dame when it comes to tradition, it is Irish archrival Southern California.

Student body left. Student body right. Tailbacks (Mike Garrett, Anthony Davis, O.J. Simpson, Ricky Bell, Charles White, Marcus Allen). Traveler. Tommy Trojan. Starlet cheerleaders in classy sweaters. Marching band members in helmets.



**John McKay USC Coach 1960-75**

Fans doing that "V" thing with their fingers.

So it was a wonderful moment when this tradition-steeped program did the traditionally correct thing in 1993: It went back to its glory days in search of a coach.

It came up with John Robinson, who coached under program patriarch John McKay and then kept USC at the same elite status during his first term as head coach, from 1976-82. Meet the new boss, same as the old boss.

In his third season back, Robinson had USC returned to its rightful place atop the Pacific-10 Conference for the first time in the 1990s. Interlopers Washington, UCLA and Oregon had been the Pac-10's Rose Bowl teams the previous five years. The Trojans made their triumphant return last New Year's Day, serving as the heartless villains who stepped on Northwestern's glass slipper.

Robinson has proven adaptable along the way. The coach who made a name for himself by slamming his stud tailback off-tackle 30 times a game — White or Allen at USC, Eric Dickerson in the pros — hasn't had that kind of runner in his second stint at Troy. So the past two seasons he put the ball into the hands of wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson, the No. 1 pick in the April NFL draft.

If Robinson can cultivate The Next Keyshawn on this year's team, it could be the start of a new USC tradition.

## 8. TEXAS

Pressure? Let Darrell Royal tell you about big-time coaching pressure.

"You knew when the helicopters started floating around (campus) a day or two before the game, the Big Guy's on the way," Royal says.

The Big Guy was not Keith Jackson. Try the president of the United States, Lyndon Johnson. Longhorns fan. He'd often meet up with the governor, John Connally, another 'Horns fan.

Yes, it was a high-powered constituency Royal was coaching for in the heady days of the 1960s. And as good as his teams were on the field, the coach was equally adept at placating the powerful off it. He can deliver a dissertation on surviving in big-time football.

"Part of coaching is to know who yanks the chains, who's got the power," Royal says. "Know who swings the hammer."

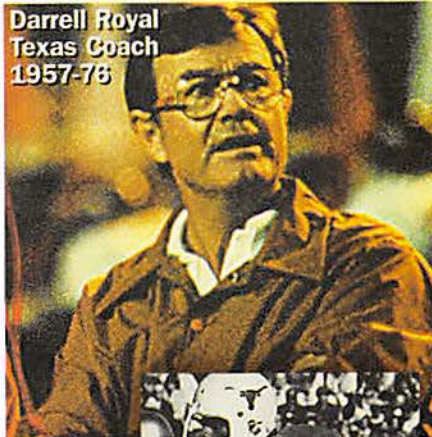
"That's why you don't be too demanding when you're winning. People resent demanding a higher salary, a bonus, what have you. Sooner or later you're going to be lower on the totem pole, and you'll need your friends to come to the rescue. They won't do it if they've been squeezed."

Royal didn't need much rescuing in his 20 seasons at Texas. He was 167-47-5 with the Longhorns, won national titles in 1963 and '69, and won 30 straight games from 1968-70.

Following that legacy has not been easy.

Fred Akers did well for a while, with the help of a running back named Earl Campbell. Twice his Texas teams went into New Year's Day with a chance to win it all (1978 and '84) but lost in the Cotton Bowl.

**Darrell Royal Texas Coach 1957-76**



Since then Bevo has been led to the slaughterhouse. Texas played in just one of the past

dozen Cotton Bowls and, in the twilight of a once-great league, surrendered Southwest Conference primacy to hated rival Texas A&M.



## 9. MIAMI



If this were a story of a decade, not five decades, the Hurricanes would be No. 1 on the field. And if this story didn't hand out grades for conduct, the 'Canes would be at the head of the class.

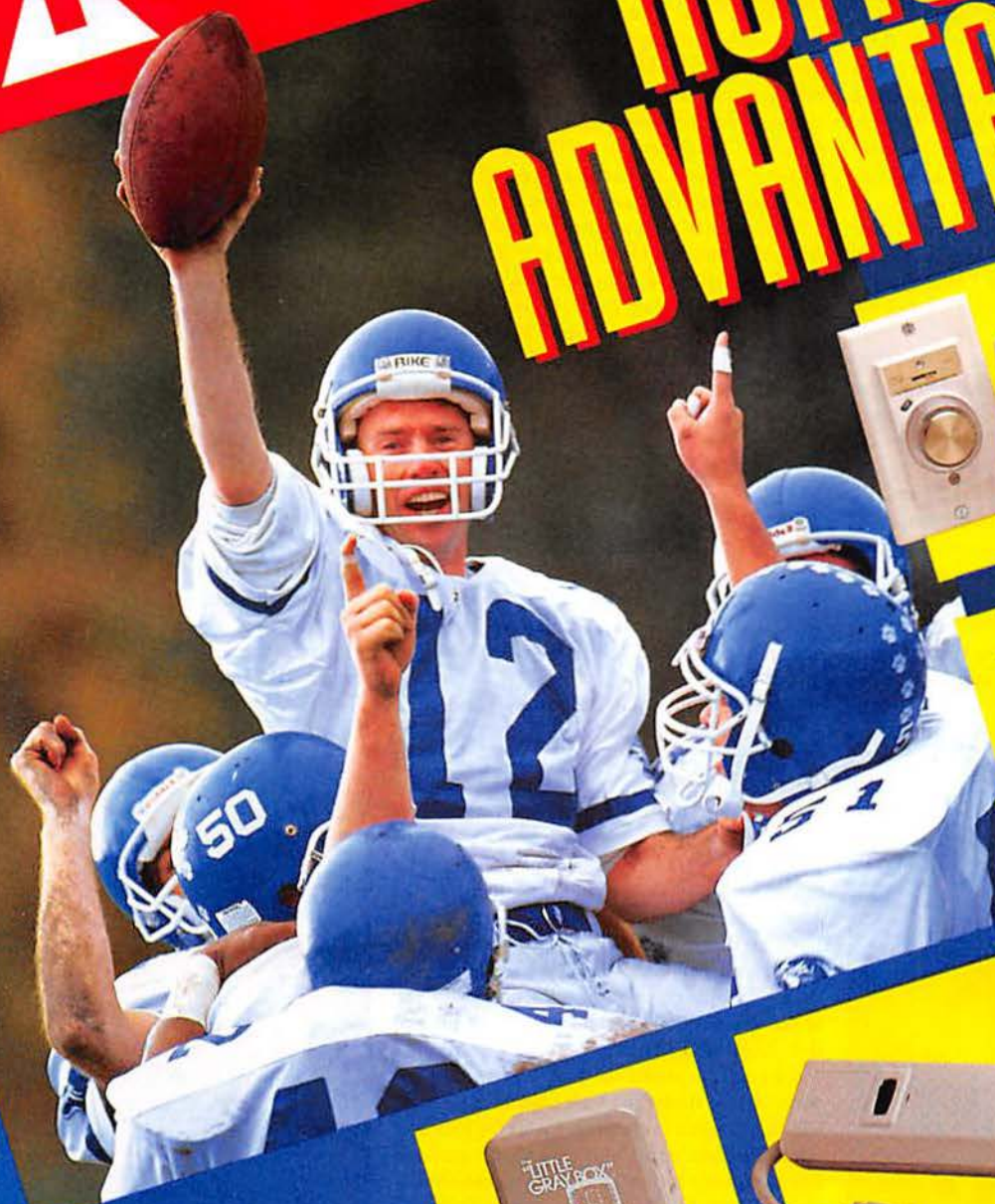
But there was a long period when Miami did not win much at all. And then, when the 'Canes finally did win big, they won without class and (as it turned out) without rigorous regard for the rules.

For all the pelvis-thrusting, potty-mouthing and Pell Grant scamming, there was a 10-year stretch when University of Miami football was truly a wonder to behold. It was the vanguard of the college game's Florida Era, leading the Sunshine State into national prominence as the



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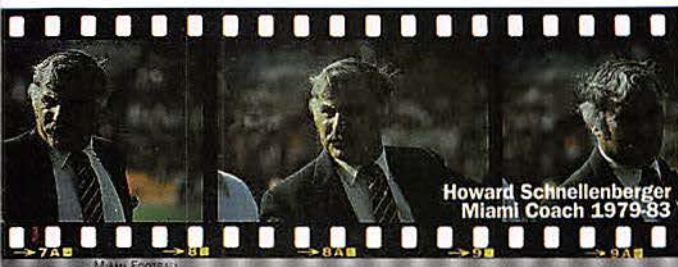
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The Hurricanes were 107-13 from 1983-92, a better record than Oklahoma in its glory days from 1971-80. They won four national titles (1983, '87, '89 and '91) under three different coaches (Howard Schnellenberger, Jimmy Johnson and Dennis Erickson). They won an NCAA-record 58 straight home games.

So many Hurricanes were first-round draft picks in those days that the selections should have been read by Miami-area rapper Luther Campbell, not Paul Tagliabue. They were 10 feet tall and bulletproof and knew it.

And then along came Alabama in the 1993 Sugar Bowl. Miami was roaring toward an unprecedented fifth national title in 10 years, needing only to dispatch the one-dimensional Tide in what everyone foresaw as a rout.

It was a rout, all right. Alabama 34, Miami 13. The 'Canes were bullet-riddled, not bulletproof.

They haven't been the same since. The next year Arizona humiliated Miami 29-0 in the Fiesta Bowl, and the year after that Nebraska manhandled Miami in the Orange Bowl to win the national title. Then came a new coach, Butch Davis, a new NCAA probation and, supposedly, a new attitude.

The Hurricanes' decade of dominance and decadence is a thing of the past.

## 10. MICHIGAN



**Bo Schembechler**  
Michigan Coach  
1969-89

**Michigan RB**  
Tyrone Wheatley

Nobody in college football history has won more games. Nobody in college football plays in a bigger stadium. Nobody in college football has cooler helmets or a better fight song.

So why are the Wolverines all the way down at No. 10?

Easy. Hardware.

Michigan wins everything but national titles. Since Schembechler's first year, 1969, an impressive 16 of the 27 Big Ten championships have been won or shared by Michigan. But only once in the modern era has Michigan finished on top nationally. That was in 1948, the year Fritz Crisler (71-16-3 at Michigan) turned over the coaching reins to Bennie Oosterbaan.

Michigan has given us great players: Desmond Howard, Anthony Carter, Jumbo Elliott, Ron Simkins, Rob Lytle, Dan Dierdorf, Tom Curtis, et. al. It has given us great rivalries with Ohio State (the 1970s battles between Woody and Bo's teams were absolute classics) and Notre Dame. It has given us everything in recent history but a national champion.

## 11. TENNESSEE

They are once again expanding Neyland Stadium, the home of the Volunteers on the Tennessee River. Expanding it to very near Michigan size, 102,000.

Which is appropriate. Because Tennessee is something like Michigan South.

Big Orange Country comes with all the trappings of elite-level success: consistent winning spanning several decades and several coaches; spectacular talent (even though it might be this year, with Peyton Manning, before the Vols finally have a Heisman Trophy winner); prodigious recruiting clout; insatiable fan support.

It's at the championship level, the ultimate jumping off point, that Tennessee comes up just short. The Vols entered the modern era with one of the great coaches in college football history, Bob Neyland (.829 career winning percentage and a stadium named for him) and secured the national title under his leadership in 1951, but have had to settle for lurking just off the pace ever since. Like Michigan, Tennessee always seems to find somebody to lose to (Alabama traditionally and, recently, Florida). By November, Tennessee is stomping the guts out of weak sisters Vanderbilt and Kentucky, but by then it's usually too late for a title run.

## 12. AUBURN

The Tigers could easily rank higher if it weren't for the fact that NCAA enforcement can find its way blindfolded to the Loveliest Little Village on the Plains. In its zeal to compete with big brother 'Bama, Auburn's success has at times been tainted.

But on the field, that zeal has often allowed Auburn to look Alabama



**Tennessee Coach**  
Phillip Fulmer

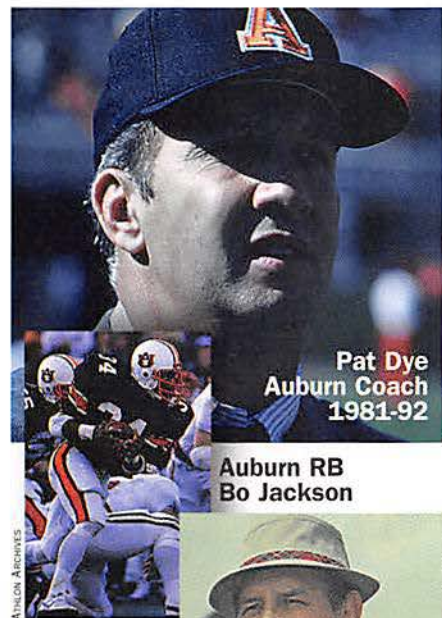
**Tennessee QB**  
Heath Shuler

**Tennessee WR**  
Alvin Harper



in the eye, and occasionally down on it. In the post-Bear days the Tigers are 7-6 in the nation's most heated rivalry.

Under Shug Jordan, Pat Dye and now Terry Bowden (we won't mention Doug Barfield), Auburn has been a consistent national player. The school can boast of one national title (1957), two Heisman Trophy winners (Bo Jackson 1985 and Pat Sullivan in 1970) and one of the finest traditions in tradition-laden Dixie: the toilet-papering of the trees down at Toomer's Corner just off campus.



**Pat Dye**  
Auburn Coach  
1981-92

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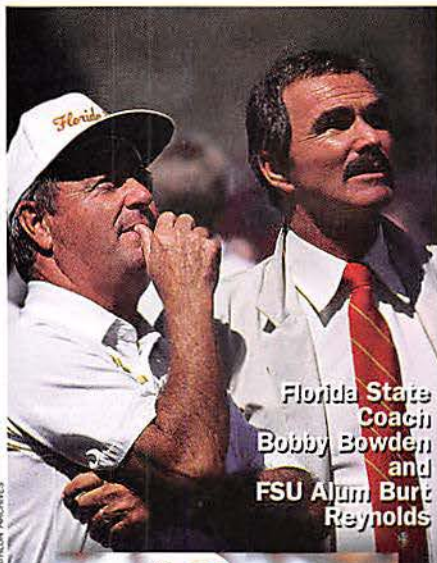
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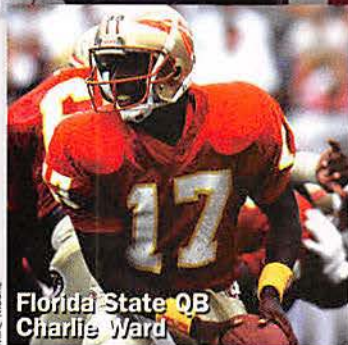
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## 13. FLORIDA STATE



Florida State Coach Bobby Bowden and FSU Alum Burt Reynolds

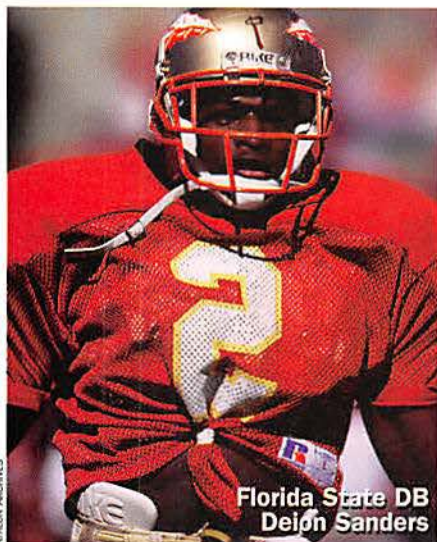


Florida State QB Charlie Ward

The Seminoles are the only program to rival Miami in the eighties and nineties, but prior to that, Chief Osceola's school wasn't worth much on the warpath. In fact, Florida State did not begin to play intercollegiate football until 1947, a year after the beginning of our modern era.

It took Bobby Bowden to make Florida State for real.

This decade St. Bobby is 64-9-1 and owns the



Florida State DB Deion Sanders

last national title that didn't wind up in Lincoln. He's done the job so convincingly that capacity at Doak Campbell stadium has mushroomed from 15,000 in 1950 to 77,500 today. If the P.C. tempest over the Seminole continues, the construction crane might as well be the new school mascot.

Bowden has won a stunning 11 straight bowl games. He's made Tallahassee the haven for two-sport athletes (witness Heisman Trophy winner Charlie Ward, Deion Sanders, Terrell Buckley, et al.). His fast-break offense is a recruiting magnet and his affability makes him a media darling.

If it weren't for the Free Shoes University fiasco of a couple years back, Bowden would be practically ready for sainthood.

## 14. GEORGIA

As much luster as was lost by Ray Goff's tenure and the ravages of early entry into pro ball (Herschel Walker, Garrison Hearst, Andre Hastings, Terrell Davis), this is still a heavyweight program.

It was Georgia, featuring the heroic Herschel, who finally stopped, or at least interrupted, Alabama's dominance of the Southeastern Conference. 'Bama won or shared the SEC title eight times in the 1970s, but the Dawgs went undefeated in the league in 1980, '81 and '82 to break the Bear's stranglehold. They won the national title in '80.

But Georgia had been good for years before that. Vince Dooley and Wally Butts coached 47 of Georgia's 50 teams from 1939-88, winning 340 games in that time.

Still, it didn't speak well for the current state of the program when Northwestern's Gary Barnett and Kansas' Glenn Mason backed away from off-season overtures to become Georgia's new head coach. Athletic director Dooley finally went with Jim Donnan of I-AA Marshall, a promising coach but not much of a name.

## 15. UCLA

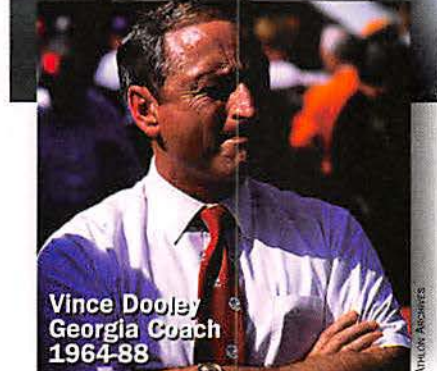
Then again, Barnett turned down these guys, too. The Bruins wound up promoting defensive coordinator Bob Toledo to replace institution Terry Donahue.

Donahue nearly put UCLA on a consistently even footing with crosstown rival USC, something not managed since Red Sanders did it in the '50s. Donahue's ascendance was timed quite well to soften the blow of John Wooden's retirement as basketball coach.

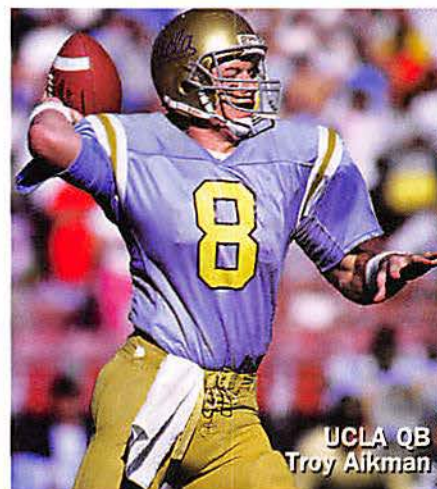
The Bruins went to eight straight bowls from 1981-88. Their cheerleaders were just as pretty as SC's, the crowds just as large, but the program backslid after the departure of quarterback Troy Aikman, making just three bowl appearances since '88. Nevertheless, Donahue was a very respectable 9-10-1 against the mighty Trojans for his career.



Georgia RB Herschel Walker

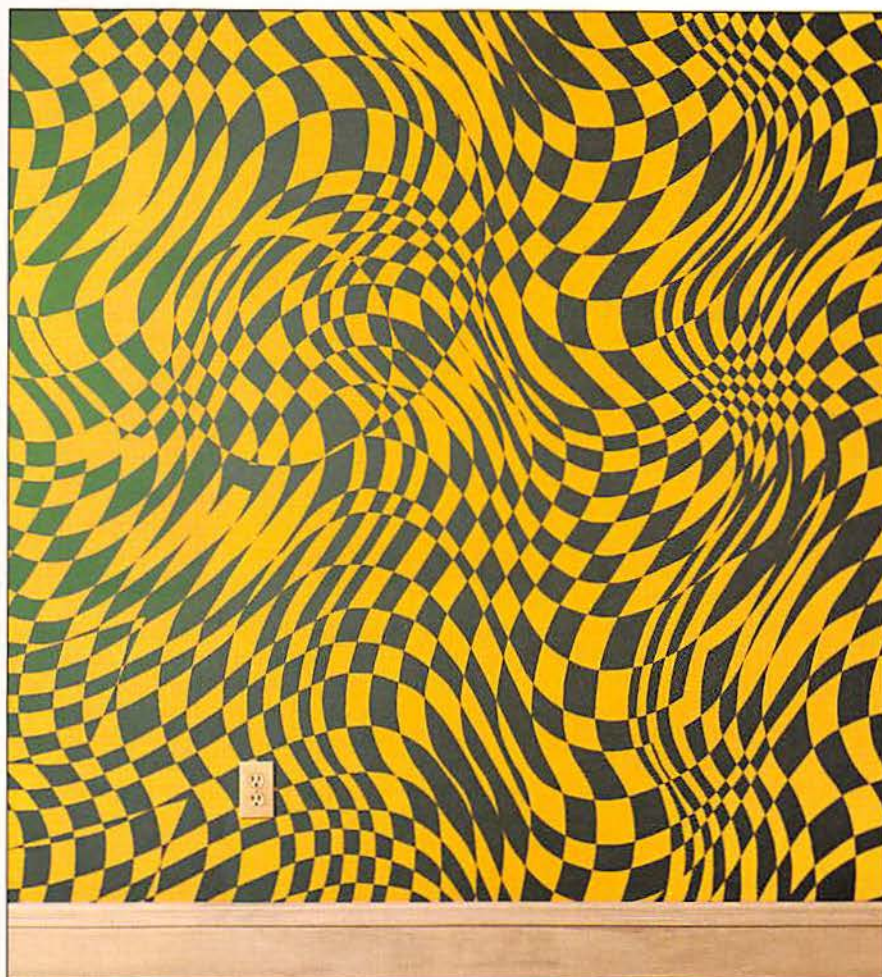


Vince Dooley Georgia Coach 1964-88



UCLA QB Troy Aikman





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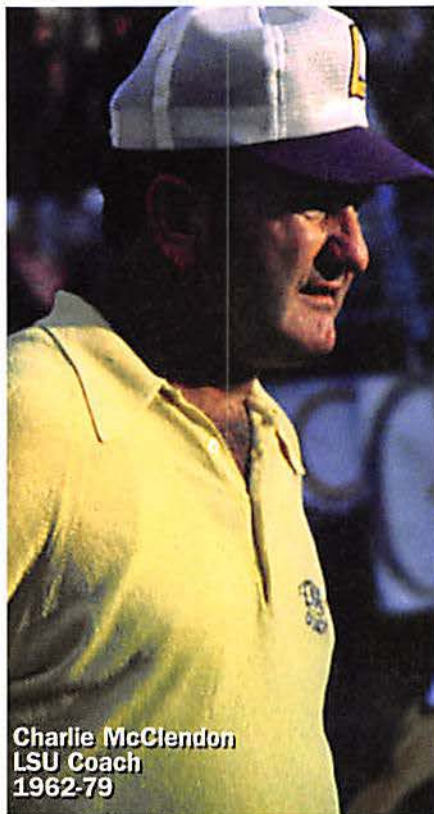
**Terry Donahue**  
UCLA Coach  
1976-95

## 16. LOUISIANA STATE

The roars that used to echo out of the bayou on Saturday nights, inspired by the Chinese Bandits and Billy Cannon and Bert Jones, had just about died out. Before Gerry DiNardo arrived as coach one year ago, LSU football, as the people of Louisiana knew and loved it, was close to extinct.

Now, DiNardo worked no miracles in his first year. Just a 7-4-1 record and a victory in the less-than-august Independence Bowl. But this was a program that had been shuffling along in embarrassingly poor company in recent years, bereft of a bowl bid since the 1988 season.

And that didn't sit too well for fans of a school that won a national title in 1958 and 152 games in the sixties and seventies. After the coaching succession of Paul Dietzel (1955-61, one national title) and Charlie McClendon (13 bowl bids in 18 seasons), LSU had been down on its luck seemingly forever. DiNardo now has a chance to change all that.



**Charlie McClendon**  
LSU Coach  
1962-79

## 17. CLEMSON

Pre-Florida State, this was the one oasis of serious football in the Atlantic Coast Conference. They don't like their balls to take predictable bounces in Clemson, and they'd much rather hear the smashing of headgear than the squeak of high-tops.

It was here that the football fan found Tiger paws painted on the roadways, Howard's Rock, IPTAY, a stadium nicknamed "Death Valley" and

a football team wearing orange pants. It was here that the ACC found its first national champion since Maryland in 1953, when the Homer Jordan-to-Perry Tuttle Tigers went 12-0 and won it all in 1981.

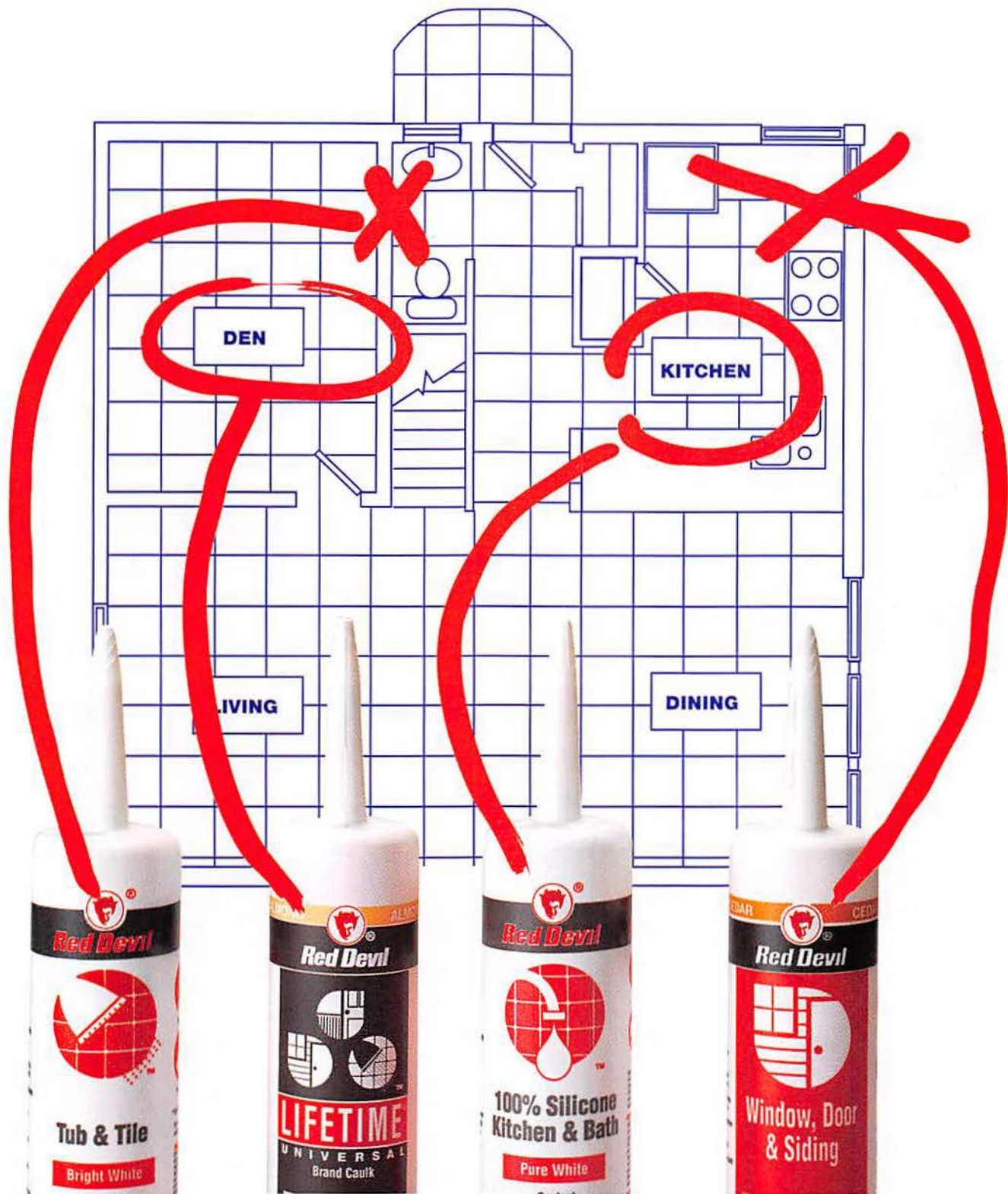
The Tigers also enjoyed a perfect season (11-0) earlier in the era, in 1948, and were unbeaten (9-0-1) in 1950.

And it was here that the NCAA found a beehive of unlawful action in the 1970s and '80s.



**LSU Halfback**  
**Billy Cannon**





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**Danny Ford**  
Clemson Coach  
1979-89

## 18. MICHIGAN STATE

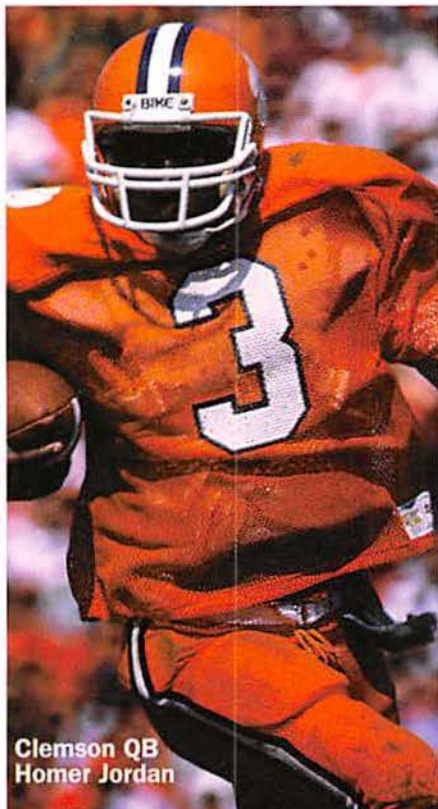
Back before Woody and Bo ensured that the Big Ten became the Big Two, there were the Spartans. Michigan State finished the year No. 1 in 1952, and was No. 2 in '51, '55, '65 and '66. The Spartans also were No. 3 in 1953.

This impressive run was accomplished by coaches known by nicknames: "Biggie" Munn and "Duffy" Daugherty. The mid-sixties teams were built around a ferocious defensive lineman who also had a nickname, "Bubba," and who inspired the wholesome chant of "Kill Bubba Kill!"

Clearly, the Spartans lost steam when they couldn't continue to find enough players and coaches with catchy nicknames. They tried a comeback with coach "Muddy" Waters in the early 1980s, but he was gone after two less-than-stellar seasons.

## 19. FLORIDA

The latest of the late-arriving Sunshine State set will be on the short list of national heavyweights into the 21st century — or for as long

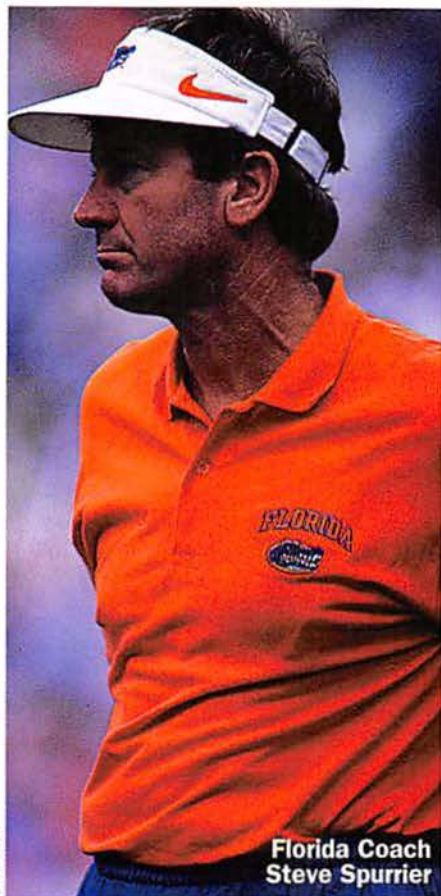


**Clemson QB**  
Homer Jordan



**Florida RB**  
Emmitt Smith





**Florida Coach  
Steve Spurrier**

as Steve Spurrier keeps saying no to the pros. The fun 'n' gun offense will continue to put basketball totals on the scoreboard. The recruiting base is eternal. And if the Gators ever learn to tackle with authority, a national championship seems a formality.

Surprisingly, there hadn't been much accomplished before Spurdog came back to be the big dog at his alma mater in 1990. There hadn't been a single SEC title the school could keep (NCAA violations stripped the Gators of the '84 crown), giving Florida every bit as many championships as Vanderbilt.

That's all changed in a hurry.

## 20. GRAMBLING

The coach just concluded his 53rd season and has won more than 400 games, more than anyone else in college football history. Victory No. 400 precipitated testimonials from the governor of Louisiana, from Don Shula, from Paterno, from every corner of gridworld.

The coach handled it with characteristic humility and dignity.

"The 400 doesn't mean anything to me if it doesn't mean something to Grambling, the players, the state of Louisiana and people who love football," Eddie Robinson says.

Eddie Rob's teams have played in the Superdome, Rose Bowl, Cotton Bowl, Orange Bowl

and Yankee Stadium. It is the only program, outside of Notre Dame, that can draw a guaranteed big crowd in every major city in America. Grambling football has been and will be a rallying point for people who spent many decades on the outside of the stadium, looking in.



**Duffy Daugherty  
Michigan State Coach  
1954-72**



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# 20 reasons

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There is something about the lure of this game that defies the laws of nature. Centuries before Princeton and Rutgers created football — and eventually inspired a logical reason for people to paint their faces once a week — there were few good reasons for people to eagerly await the end of their summertime. Think about it. You are on a beach. You are at a barbecue. You are next to a pool. You are on vacation, far away from everything, even if you're in your own backyard. And what do you find yourself thinking about? Depth charts. Fight songs. Tailgating. Kickoffs.

by MALCOLM  
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*The New York Times*

**Y**ou can't help it. You are thinking about that first autumn Saturday afternoon, when the band hits the field, when they're playing your song, when spring drills have produced something new. You hope something new means something better.

This process makes little sense. We should not permit our minds to wander from summer to the time of year when nights grow longer, days become colder and the pace picks up. In too many places, we feel as if we just removed the linings of our coats, and here we are thinking about the time when we must zip them back into place. When the weather is warm and comfortable, we should never give ourselves a reason to look forward to November.

But we do. We can't help it. There is no cure but there is help. The help comes in the form of direction, reminders of the people and games and changes that will make this football season distinctive.

From Northwestern's new world to Nebraska's new quarter-back to the return of the Sugar Bowl to championship prominence (maybe) to Louisiana State's loud resurgence, here are 20 reasons to anticipate a season that has been taking shape for months. Roles have been redefined. Stars have been replaced, others have begun to emerge. Some expectations have shifted, others never change.

The most important reminder seems more necessary every year. Expect to be surprised. At this point a year ago, how many Northwestern graduates were making plans to spend New Year's Eve in Pasadena?

Maybe that is why we can't keep our minds from wandering, to enjoy the anticipation, to savor the possibilities, to foresee the unforeseeable. Too much sun is bad for you. Before we know it, on a Saturday morning, after breakfast but before the first bratwurst, we will notice the leaves have begun to change color, and there is just a trace of a chill, and our time has arrived.



## 1 taking the purple back to pasadena

New Year's Day had already turned to night, and Northwestern's forgettable season had just ended in defeat. The San Gabriel Mountains, an imposing and glowing backdrop through most of the afternoon, had disappeared into the darkness beyond the lights of the Rose Bowl. Outside one of the portals, a middle-aged man wearing an old, purple jersey with a white no. 52 — a little more snug around the middle than it might have been in another time — stood by himself and stewed.

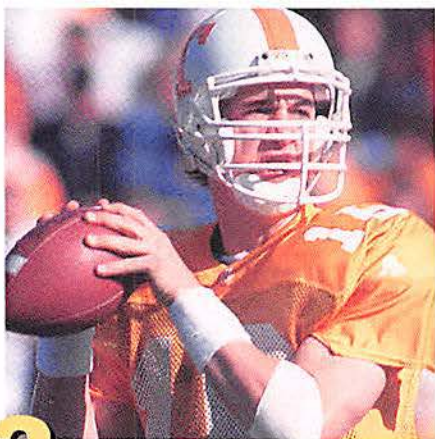
There was no time to stop and ask him how he felt, and that was probably for the best. There was a game to dissect, and players would be dressed and gone soon. But you knew the man had played and therefore understood the subtle points of Northwestern's loss to Southern California that day.

At that moment, for him and all the others in purple who had suffered for all those years, Northwestern's mission changed. The enchanting journey was over. Gary Barnett's once-crazy pledge of taking the Purple to Pasadena had been replaced by a notion that was suddenly realistic — taking the Purple back to Pasadena.

Now the Wildcats face the downside of the business, the strain of expectation. Not so long ago, Barnett's demand, with the establishment of the motto "Expect Victory," was a voice in the wilderness. The coach's decision to remain in Evanston and the university's commitment to upgrade facilities will give Northwestern a greater chance to succeed.

From this season forward, the issue is what the changes will mean to the program's personality and what the expectation of victory will do to this year's journey and all the ones to follow.





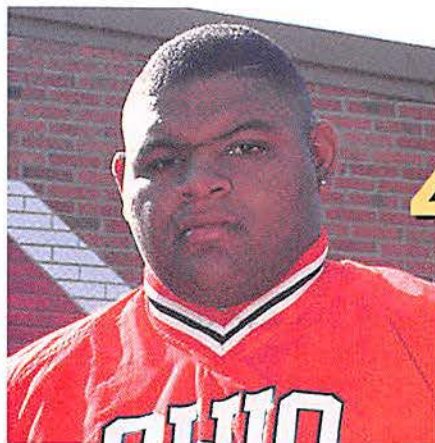
## 2 peyton, son of archie

Peyton Manning has been watching the hype build around him for years. Throughout the recruiting process, upon his arrival at Tennessee, and in his early development as a major college quarterback, he has looked with amusement at the world that was closing in on him. The hope is that his years of preparation and his sense of humor have prepared him for what is to come this fall, a season that could become his.

We should know soon enough. The Florida Gators must come to Knoxville on Sept. 21, and the Volunteer Navy, plus all those land-locked supporters in orange, remember the second-half humiliation Tennessee suffered last year in Gainesville. Manning's 64 percent completion rate, his 2,954 yards of passes, his 22 touchdowns with just four interceptions last season, are just one factor to affect Tennessee's chances in the Southeastern Conference race.

But Manning is the factor that Heisman voters will study from the start of the season, and his play will be remembered more than any of his teammates, fairly or unfairly, win or lose. If there was ever a quarterback whose experience demonstrated how much players at that position are dependent on those around him, it was Peyton's own father, Archie Manning during his days with the New Orleans Saints. Tennessee has yet to even reach the SEC championship game.

A matchup with Florida — even in Knoxville — could spoil the Tennessee season much too quickly. This generation of Volunteers has never known demands like these.



## 4 the pancake man

Orlando Pace has already redefined the term impact player. He has been a starter since his first day at Ohio State two years ago, but that is only part of the definition. This is impact: Pace stands 6 feet, 6½ inches, weighs 320 pounds, has a 28-inch vertical leap and has been timed at 4.95 in the 40-yard dash.

In an era that inspires good-better-best comparisons that often seem silly, this is the reality.



## 3 trojans and lions to kick off the season

Several years ago, the Kickoff Classic was beginning to look like a good idea that had grown unrealistic. There were just too many problems to overcome. The first was a result of the inaugural game, Nebraska's spanking of Penn State in 1983, an embarrassing setback for the Lions that every coach in the country had to notice. Could there possibly be a payday big enough to justify the risk of a demoralizing defeat before Labor Day?

The New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority had to deal with a complex collection of limitations and obligations that made meaningful matchups nearly impossible. Then came added competition from the Pigskin Classic, which was first played next door to Disneyland. New Jersey in August versus Space Mountain was not a good matchup.

Eventually, Meadowlands officials were left with a choice. They could bring in a marquee team and a limited opponent and produce a game that amounted to a glorified scrimmage. Or they could match two lesser teams in a more interesting but uninspiring game. Either way, another weekend at the Jersey Shore looked like a better deal.

Somehow, some way, the Kickoff Classic has overcome all that. The last three games have included two eventual national champions, Florida State and Nebraska, and two Heisman Trophy winners, Charlie Ward and Eddie George. If Tommie Frazier did not develop those blood clots in the fall of '94, the Heisman streak might have reached three.

This year's matchup — Penn State and Southern California — may not have the best player in the country. But it has name recognition, and tradition, and all those blue buses invading New Jersey from the West.

Before the end of Pace's college career, which could end with this junior season, he may well be regarded among the finest offensive tackles in the history of the college game.

He may already have reached that level. Pace became the first sophomore to win the Vince Lombardi Award at the end of a season in which he did not allow a sack. He was the Offensive Lineman of the Year in the Big Ten. He has started 26 consecutive games. He plays defense in short yardage and goal-line situations.

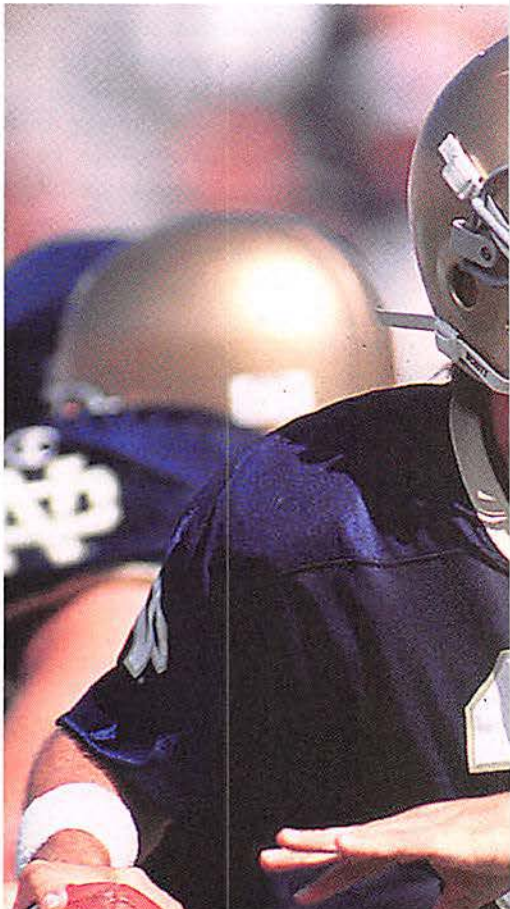
Against Illinois, a team with a defense that produced the second and third selections in the National Football League draft, Pace was given a 100 percent grade by his coaches and was credited with 10 pancake blocks. He may be good enough to popularize a new diet in Columbus: pancakes for breakfast, pancakes for lunch, pancakes all day long.

## 5 the blarney offense

Before Ron Powlus took a snap in a game as the quarterback at Notre Dame, the walls were already closing in. Near the start of one of his earliest sessions with reporters, at the beginning of his first season, Powlus was asked about the possibility of leaving Notre Dame for the National Football League draft.

Leaving early? He had barely arrived.

Last season, frustration was clearly beginning to set in on both sides. Powlus, who has maintained a remarkably upbeat public posture from the start of his career, revealed an uncharacteristic display





of temper on the sideline. The parishoners at Notre Dame Stadium were beginning to lose their patience. Observers wondered if Powlus was being misused within Lou Holtz's system.

To maximize Powlus' effectiveness, the coach has installed a new wrinkle for 1996, a short-drop, quick passing game with three and four wide receivers. It is the kind of offense that drew recruiters in droves to Berwick, Pa., High School in search of its record-setting signal caller, Powlus. Holtz has labeled it the "Blarney" offense.

Now there is another element in the discussion — the growth of Jarious Jackson, the highly recruited quarterback in last year's freshman class. Holtz has not hidden his enthusiasm for Jackson's development, particularly his decision-making ability in the option game.

You can hear groans in the stands when Powlus is placed in the position of running the option, and postgame complaints — usually over beverages — about Holtz's persistence. Now there is a quarterback who plays The Way Lou Loves To Play.

Even before the start of the 1995 season, the Irish had the look of a work in progress, a unit that could reach its peak in 1996. Powlus was the centerpiece of that work. Now there is this possible scenario. Say the Irish are struggling, and Holtz inserts Jackson in search of a little adrenaline. Say Jackson's guidance and the Irish power game produce statistics like these: 85 yards, 14 plays, a scoring drive of 7½ minutes. The Irish could have a quarterback controversy at a very bad time.



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## 6 enis' anonymity

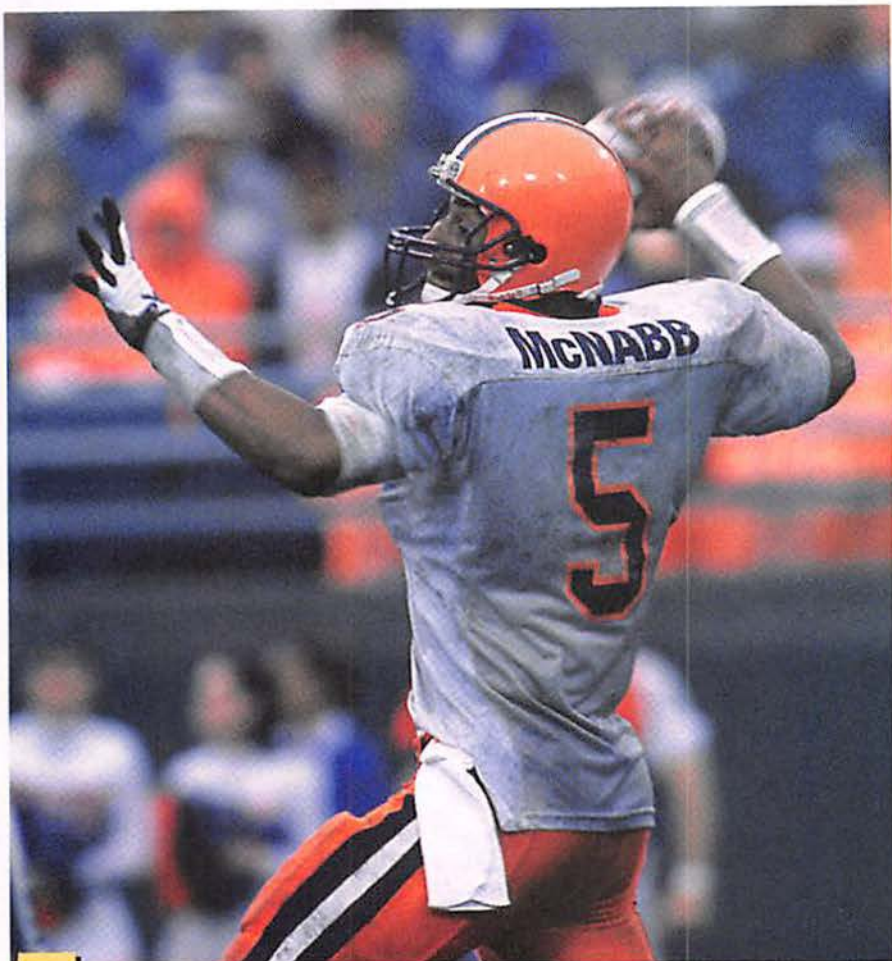
The world is a scary place when viewed from the relative safety of State College, Pa. There is no time to grow out there, to learn to cope with scrutiny. Not so long ago — can it really be 25 years? — freshmen were ineligible for varsity competition. The rule makers decided to change all that. They found a more cost-effective way. Freshman teams went the way of the single wing. Eighteen-year-olds had the opportunity to make an immediate impact on the college game, and as a result, their opinions and hopes became a visible part of the industry.

But not here. When that rare freshman arrives, as Curtis Enis did last fall, the interest is heightened more because of what we don't know than what we do. This is the way Joe Paterno's program is conducted. The method of doing business seems an anachronism to outsiders, about as welcome as the construction delays on Interstate 80 or the endless game-day backups on the drive from Harrisburg. But in the mind of the coach it is a necessary part of the development process. Graduation day means something in Paterno's adopted hometown. The quiet comings and goings early in a career are considered part of the path to that day.

Enis' ability accelerated his progress from a little-known backup outside linebacker in early September to the featured back soon thereafter, but his silence through much of the season set him apart. He ran for 683 yards to become the first true freshman in 12 seasons to lead the Nittany Lions in rushing. He gained 146 yards in the punishing loss to Ohio State when the Buckeyes were still a big part of the national-championship picture.

More than once, Enis' achievements would cry out for his observations. Editors would ask reporters what happened to the Enis quote, and the reporters would say something like this: "Homomena, homomena." The reporters would then repeat that old refrain of coaches, the one that says the best thing about freshmen is that they become sophomores.

Curtis Enis is a sophomore and now he belongs to the world.



## 7 mcnabb's maturity

Donovan McNabb's status was somewhat of a secret before his first game as the starting quarterback at Syracuse last season, a game-time announcement that soon felt unnecessary.

McNabb, a redshirt freshman in 1995, had a pass-efficiency rating of 162.3, the third-best in the nation and the highest ever for a first-year quarterback. He threw for 1,991 yards and 16 touchdowns. At least half of his six interceptions were deflected off teammates.

The uncertainty leading up to the beginning of McNabb's first season contrasted with the personal stamp he put on the end. In Syracuse's 41-0 victory over Clemson in the Gator Bowl, McNabb completed 13-of-23 passes for 309 yards and was named Most Valuable Player. Some of his best moments took place when he was needed the most.

On third-down plays, McNabb was 9-for-14. Four of his nine completions on third down came on third-and-10 or longer. A 9-yard gain on third-and-10 led to a successful fourth-down conversion.

Syracuse's home schedule will include Big East leaders Virginia Tech and Miami. The Orangemen will have seven returning offensive starters, with the wide-receiver spots among the few with new faces. You get the idea that McNabb will simplify the transitions of his two new receivers.

## 8 the title game

For all the noise on Bourbon Street on New Year's Eve, New Orleans has become a forgotten place when the college season reaches its climax. The consistency of the Big Eight Conference when it was linked to the Orange Bowl and the aggressiveness of the Fiesta Bowl in acquiring independent teams combined to make the Sugar Bowl an event with little long-term significance in most recent seasons.

Just once since 1983 has a Sugar Bowl been recognized as the championship game. In 1990, Miami's victory over Alabama made the Hurricanes the no. 1 team in the final polls, but the most intense attention that week was at the





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Orange Bowl, where Colorado failed to complete a championship season when it was beaten by Notre Dame. Since Penn State's 1983 victory over Georgia and Herschel Walker, the only clear championship match in New Orleans was Alabama's rousing victory over Miami and Gino Torretta in 1993.

That will change this coming January, when the rotation established by the Bowl Alliance, in its second season, points the spotlight on New Orleans. Barring the intrusion of an unbeaten Big Ten or Pacific-10 team in the Rose Bowl, there will be a championship feel to one of the few gatherings on earth in which a local chamber of commerce welcomes the presence of thousands of people who bark like dogs in public.



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## gators on the rebound

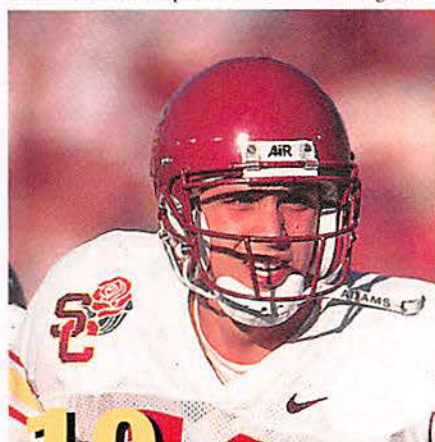
There were celebrations last fall in Gainesville throughout a football season that seemed dreamlike for the University of Florida — until the nightmare in the Fiesta Bowl. But for the Gators themselves, there was never time for celebrating. There was always something else to achieve.

The Gators left Tennessee in the dust, but too much of the season remained. They controlled Florida State, overcoming the bitter memories of a tie and loss in the 1994 season, but a conference championship game was just a week away. They dominated Arkansas, but there was a bowl game — and a potential national championship — coming up next.

None of the Gators could have been prepared for what happened. Within a few hours, Nebraska's overwhelming power turned Florida's greatest season into a humiliation. Before the Gators were on the buses at Sun Devil Stadium, coach Steve Spurrier was suggesting that players would be challenged in practice. This is the power that one game can have: In one night, the Gators went from a perfect season to having to fight for jobs.

Bob Stoops, the defensive coordinator who came from Kansas State when Bob Pruett became the head coach at Marshall, takes over a unit that will have to deal with even more scrutiny now. Florida's embarrassing defeat was the result of breakdowns in every phase of the game, but the lingering perception is that more assertive defensive play can allow the Gators to take the final step toward the school's first national championship.

There is little time for tinkering — the Sept. 21 date with Tennessee, at Knoxville, could leave the Gators in the back of the pack of a championship race. That is the day we will find out if Florida has recovered from its painful New Year's hangover.

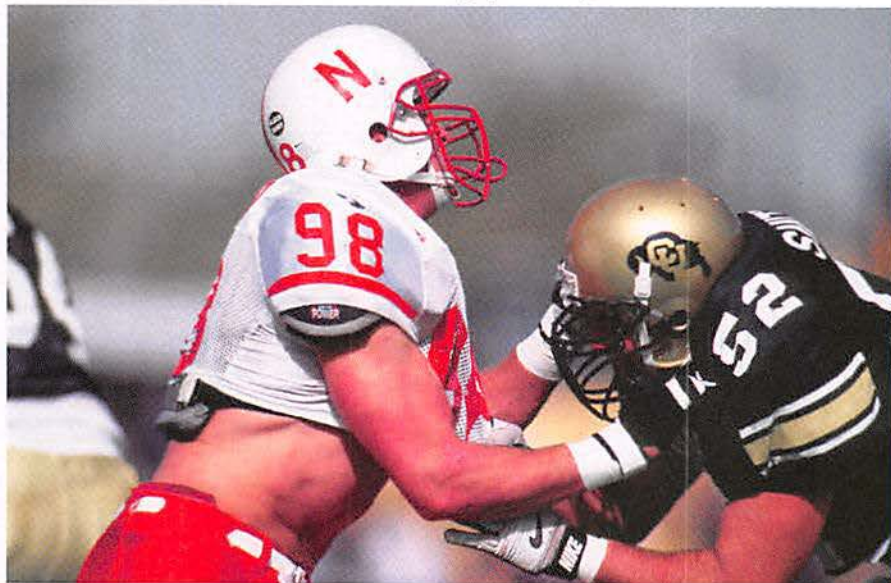


## 10 otton now on full-time status

The job belongs to Brad Otton now. That is what everyone around the Southern California program will know when the Trojans open their season against Penn State.

The odd alternating arrangement between Otton and Kyle Wachholtz came to an end in the Rose Bowl. Otton's 391 yards against Northwestern was the third-highest total in Rose Bowl history. Wachholtz is gone, and so is the game of musical quarterbacks that created even more doubt when it was altered after a one-sided defeat at Notre Dame.

USC built a record of 10-1-1 in games Otton started, but last season he played in the fourth quarter of just three games. Otton's poise and reliability, which helped him to an NCAA record streak of 202 passes without an interception, will be especially important as offensive linemen and receivers gain experience at the start of the season. He has completed 61.5 percent of his passes for 2,710 yards at USC, with 20 touchdowns and just four interceptions.



Otton led the comeback from a 21-point fourth-quarter deficit at Washington that produced a tie and preserved Rose Bowl hopes. Last year, he was considered one of the two best quarterbacks on his campus. This year, Otton can aim higher than that.

## 11 the big 12: one dominating conference

If nothing else, everything once seemed so orderly in the Big Eight. Nebraska would win. Oklahoma would win. Nebraska would meet Oklahoma and the winner would go to Miami. Then Bill McCartney arrived at Colorado and things began to change. Then Kansas State and Kansas began to rise from the depths. Then miles and miles away, Penn State gave up its independent status to join the Big 10, and dominoes began to fall all over the place.

And now? The Big 12 — a marriage of all the former Big Eight schools with Texas, Texas A&M, Baylor and Texas Tech from the Southwest Conference — will be the dominant conference in college football in its inaugural year. Half of the 12 schools were ranked in the top 15 of the final polls last season, and seven were ranked in the top 25. (The Big Ten had five ranked teams, and the Southeastern conference had four.)

Seven of the schools now in the Big 12 appeared in bowl games. (The Big Ten was next with six.) The 12 schools produced eight members of The Associated Press All-America first team. (The next-highest total was from the Big Ten with five.)

All that was achieved before the new conference was intact, before an identity began to grow and before the collective attention could have an impact on recruiting. The schedule has been adjusted to reflect the times: Colorado will play at Nebraska on Thanksgiving weekend. When the North and South division champions meet in the inaugural championship game on Dec. 7 in St. Louis, the Big 12 could overshadow the Southeastern Conference championship game to be played that night.





## 12 kentucky football's messiah

It was February in Kentucky, the last time that football would normally inspire any discussion. But last February was not normal in Lexington. Soon after quarterback Tim Couch signed a letter of intent, giving the Wildcats the national High School Player of the Year, the volume of ticket requests led the university to try something new.

Kentucky conducted a week-long sale of season tickets beyond the subscribers that would have a chance to renew. In that week, as the basketball team progressed through an undefeated league season on the way to a national championship, the football program sold 1,046 new season tickets.

Basketball may have once led Bear Bryant to leave Lexington, but there's more than enough room for Tim Couch. He may choose to play basketball for the Wildcats. But the immediate interest is in the 6-5, 215-pound quarterback from Hyden, Ky., who established national high school records for completions (872), yards (12,104), and touchdowns (133).

The ability of coach Bill Curry to keep Couch within the state is a major breakthrough for a program that was ahead or tied in the fourth quarter



## 14 a home team worthy of its stadium

This is all you need to know about the facilities at Arizona State. Last winter, within a month, the Fiesta Bowl for the college national championship and a Super Bowl were

in four of its seven losses last year.

But the growth of Curry's program can be found in the reality that Couch, with all his talent and potential, will not necessarily walk into a starting job. Billy Jack Haskins, a junior who started the last nine games last year, completed 60 percent of his passes despite playing with a shoulder separation in the last two games. The three leading receivers each won track championships in high school or junior college.

The only questions are how soon Couch will be throwing to them, and how few tickets Kentucky will have left to sell.



## 13 little earl

At some point during the eye-opening freshman year of Ricky Williams at Texas, his teammates began to call him "Little Earl." The nickname became the most visible oxymoron in Austin. There was nothing little about Williams, just as anyone in burnt orange over the age of 25 could tell you there was nothing little about Earl Campbell. Last year, in a 10-2-1 season that finally lent a sense of stability to John Mackovic's program, the impact Williams made could be compared to the debut of Campbell in 1974.

Williams ran for 990 yards, 62 more than Campbell gained in his freshman season. Williams had four games with 100 or more rushing yards (one more than Campbell) and scored eight rushing touchdowns (two more). Williams gained 163 yards, the most of any true freshman in Texas history, against a Texas A&M defense that then ranked fifth in the nation against the rush.

Williams will team in the backfield with senior Shon Mitchell, a junior college transfer in 1994 who gained 1,099 yards and scored 10 touchdowns last season. The return of quarterback James Brown, the Offensive Player of the Year in the final season of the Southwest Conference, will give direction to a ground game that could take the Longhorns all the way to the Big 12 championship game, and beyond.

played at Sun Devil Stadium. That level of big-time commitment inspires the highest level of impatience, the factor that Arizona State will have to deal with this season.

Bruce Snyder has built his program over the four seasons since he arrived from the University of California. When he arrived, after leading the Golden Bears to a 10-2 record in 1991, all those facilities had made little difference to the three coaches in the previous 12 years. Arizona State was all dressed up and going nowhere.

Last fall, a 6-5 season raised Snyder's overall record at Arizona State to 21-23. This is the season that Snyder's program has worked to produce. The Sun Devils will return 43 of their top 47 players from a year ago, including Jake Plummer, the senior quarterback who led the Pacific-10 in passing last season.

Plummer completed 57 percent of his passes for 2,222 yards, 17 touchdowns and nine interceptions. He is the leader of an offensive unit with 10 returning starters. Keith Poole, a wide receiver, and Juan Roque, the left tackle, are the other two returning players from the All-Pac-10 team. The defense has nine returning starters.

The schedule begins with five consecutive home games, including defending national champion Nebraska on Sept. 21. The 6-5 barrier, the record in three of Snyder's four seasons in Tempe, is about to be broken.



## 15 dunn chooses not to go pro

Warrick Dunn became known as much for the tragedy in his life as he was for his achievements at Florida State. At the end of the 1994 season, his Most Valuable Player award in the Sugar Bowl victory over Florida inspired more stories about his ability to cope with the death of his mother. This may be the year for that balance to change.

Dunn gained 1,242 rushing yards in 1995 to set a school record. He is the first player in Florida State history to exceed 1,000 yards in two seasons. His average of 7.5 yards per carry was second-best in the country. His last-second run at Virginia came up inches short of the touchdown that would have preserved Florida State's chance to play for a national championship.



Dunn has the greatest potential of any of Florida State's eight returning offensive starters. His decision to return to the Seminoles for a senior season strengthened Florida State's chances of competing for a second national championship in four seasons.

If Thad Busby maintains his hold on the number 1 spot to succeed Danny Kanell at quarterback, Dunn's game-breaking skills will help Busby through the transition period. And if Dunn's season includes a stop at the Downtown Athletic Club on the day the Heisman Trophy is awarded, perhaps he will be known more for what he has achieved than for what he has endured.



## 16 sooners welcome blake home

John Blake came home to Oklahoma, where his career in football began, and the Sooners are lucky he did. As impossible as it once was to imagine, Oklahoma has come dangerously close to disappearing from the radar screen. Howard Schnellenberger's style appeared an odd match in a place that responds far more to substance.

Now Blake gives them that substance. As an all-state player from Sand Springs, Okla., he understood the recruiting system from the seat opposite the coach. As a nose tackle at Oklahoma in the early '80s, Blake was part of the group that pushed one of Nebraska's finest teams right to the edge.

As a graduate assistant on Barry Switzer's staff in 1986 and 1987, Blake began his coaching career by working with the defensive line. After a year as an offensive assistant at Tulsa, Blake returned to Oklahoma for four years before spending three seasons as the defensive line coach with the Dallas Cowboys.

He was 34 last winter when Schnellenberger's sudden departure gave Blake the chance to come home. His return gives Oklahoma the stability that has been missing in a once-dominant program that has become not much more than an afterthought.



## 17 hurricanes facing new challenges

The challenges at Miami were always thought to be serious, but they were also considered reachable. The remarkable succession of national championship contenders came to an end. That could be fixed. An unusually small senior class last year left a subtle but significant leadership void. That would be fixed. A series of violations led to NCAA probation. That was fixed when the one-year bowl ban came and went.

But the murder of Marlin Barnes, a player who represented the best of what the Miami program can be, leaves his former teammates with a pain

that cannot go away. Barnes, a linebacker, had become the most improved player by the end of spring practice. He had overcome the difficulties of a one-parent household in the Liberty City section of Miami. Barnes went to military school for a year after failing to reach the SAT score required by NCAA rules. He was involved in the community.

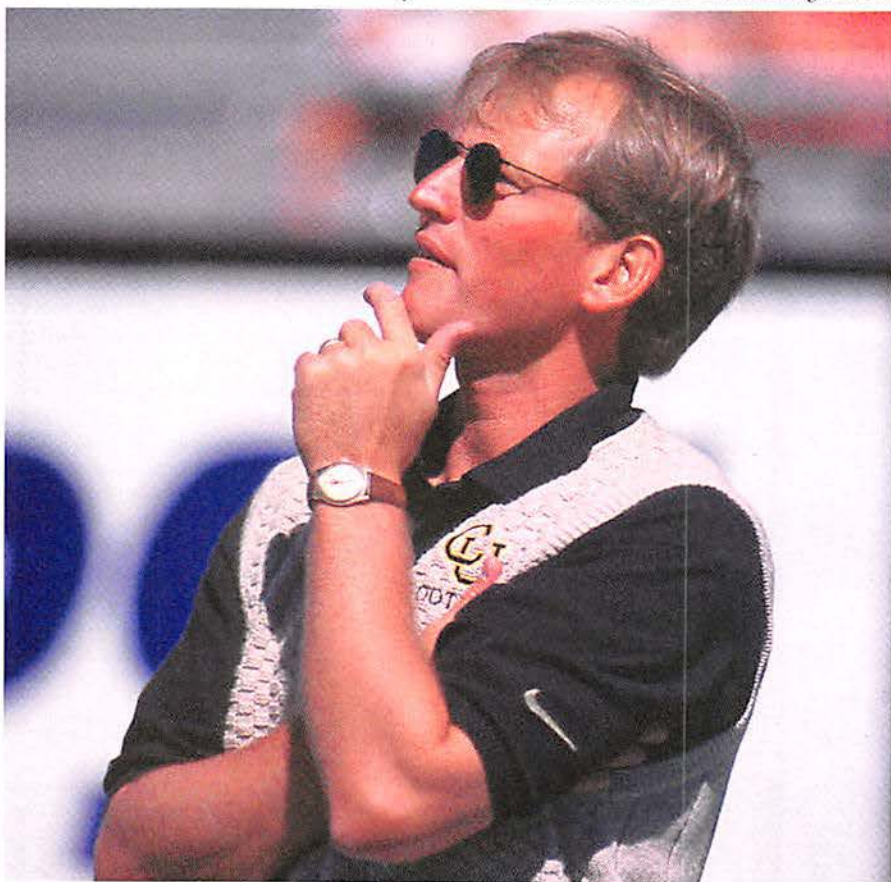
The Miami program, in its greatest moments, was marked by the closeness of players from unit to unit and generation to generation. That closeness will be tested now in a way Miami has never known.

Under Butch Davis, who inherited the probation situation but has always been willing to look beyond it, the Hurricanes will have to deal with reduced scholarship limits as they try to rebuild the team. They will have to lean on each other as they try to rebuild their strength. For Miami, maybe more than anywhere else, forward is the only way left to go.

## 18 neuheisel and a healthy detmer

Now it sounds funny to think how many questions surrounded the Colorado program a year ago when Rick Neuheisel was about to begin his first year as a head coach at the age of 34. A 10-2 record will answer a lot of questions in a short period of time. But so will the sense of imagination and adventure around the Buffaloes.

Neuheisel's stamp on the program, in the eyes of a national audience, was made by the way the Buffaloes took a bus from their dressing room to





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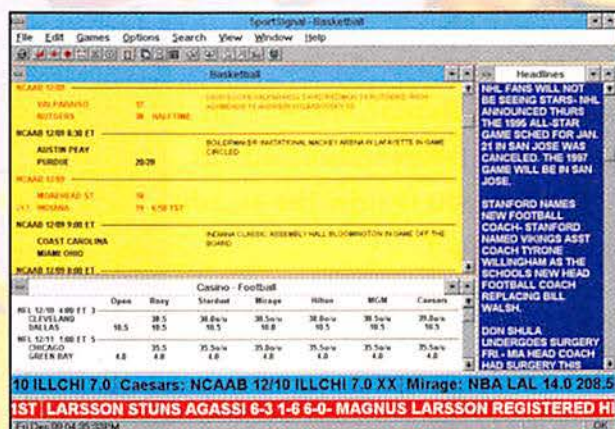
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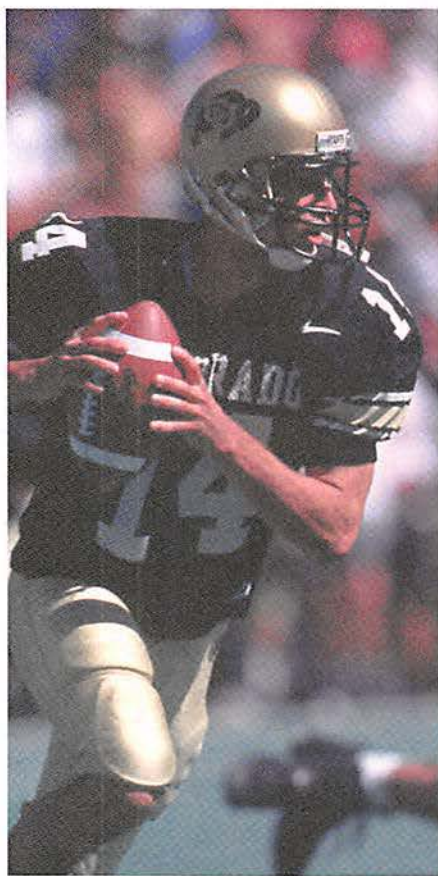
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**Colorado quarterback Koy Detmer enters 1996 with renewed Heisman hopes; former Colorado assistant coach Gerry DiNardo is now the head man at LSU.**

the far end of Folsom Field before the Nebraska game so they could enter the field through the student section.

The entrance did not help them beat the Huskers (hot-air balloon trips from Pike's Peak would not have helped, either), but it did establish an identity. Neuheisel's second season would be helped more by the successful return of quarterback Koy Detmer from knee surgery. Detmer's injury in the victory over Texas A&M, followed by the controversial and unsuccessful return two weeks later against Kansas, was the most serious setback of Neuheisel's first season.

Detmer is scheduled to return in time for pre-season drills to add his experience as one of nine returning offensive starters. Colorado's game with Michigan on Sept. 14 will be a rematch of one of the great college games of the decade, and its meeting with Nebraska at Lincoln on Nov. 29 may be a decisive game in the jockeying for a national championship.

## 19 dinardeaux

First, Gerry DiNardo had to learn the language. There are few college towns that force you to consider a language barrier anymore. Nearly all of them now have the same fast-food places, the same overpriced coffeehouses and the same book store chains. Baton Rouge is one of the exceptions.

When DiNardo came to Louisiana State as the head coach in December, 1994 and pledged to bring back the magic to Tiger Stadium, there were more than a few skeptics. They looked at an odd marriage — a kid from Brooklyn, from St. Francis Prep and from Notre Dame, promising to return excitement to a southern institution. They looked at a pedigree that included the word Vanderbilt, a four-year record of 18-26, and wondered — loudly — if this was the leader to bring LSU back where it belonged.

But DiNardo learned the language, and they learned his. Within six weeks, DiNardo convinced a cornerstone recruit, Kevin Faulk, to stay within the state. Faulk gained 852 yards last season and rushed for 234 in the Independence

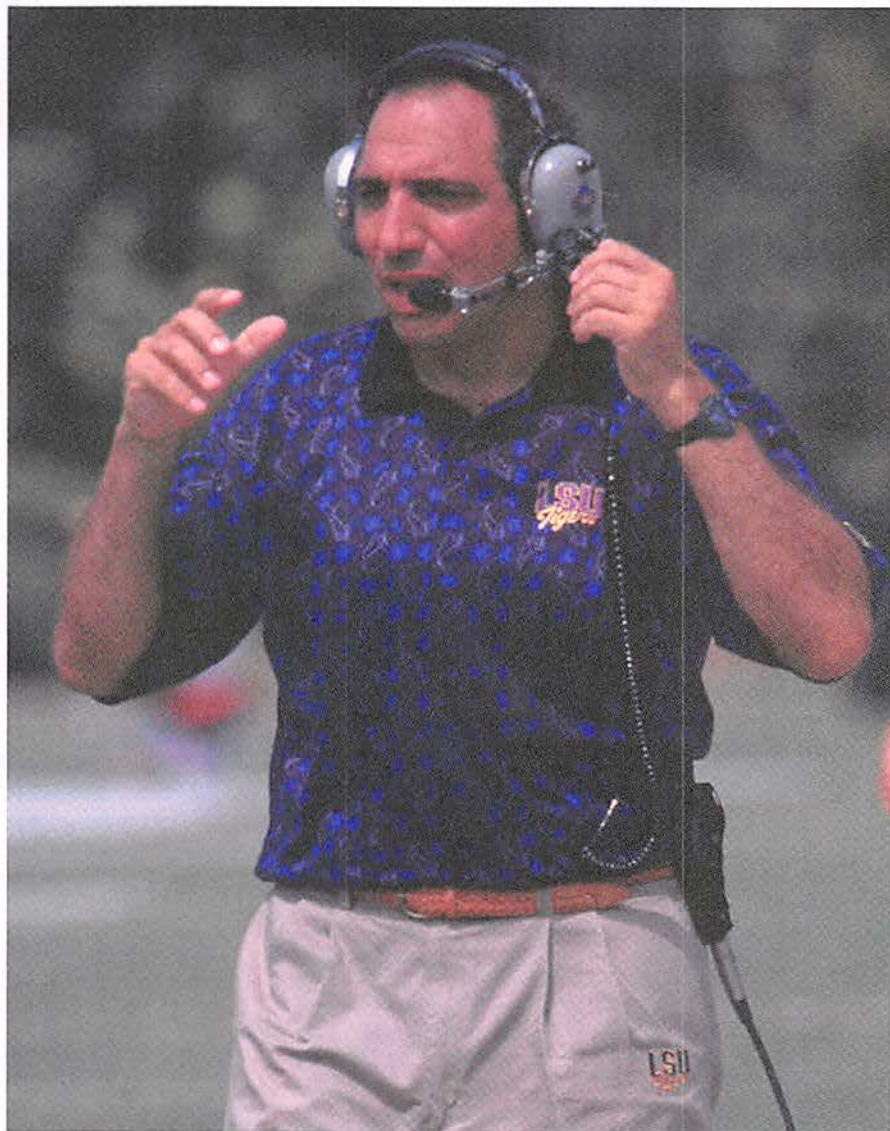
Bowl victory over Michigan State. Outsiders could say "Shreveport" and scoff, but Tiger fans were celebrating the first winning season and first bowl game since 1988.

The skeptics that minimized the improvements DiNardo brought to Vanderbilt had overlooked another line on the coach's resume. DiNardo had been an assistant when Colorado rose from the depths of the Big Eight. As the intensity returned to Tiger Stadium, DiNardo's pledge began to sound a lot like that of another former Colorado assistant, Gary Barnett, who went to Northwestern and promised to take the purple to Pasadena.

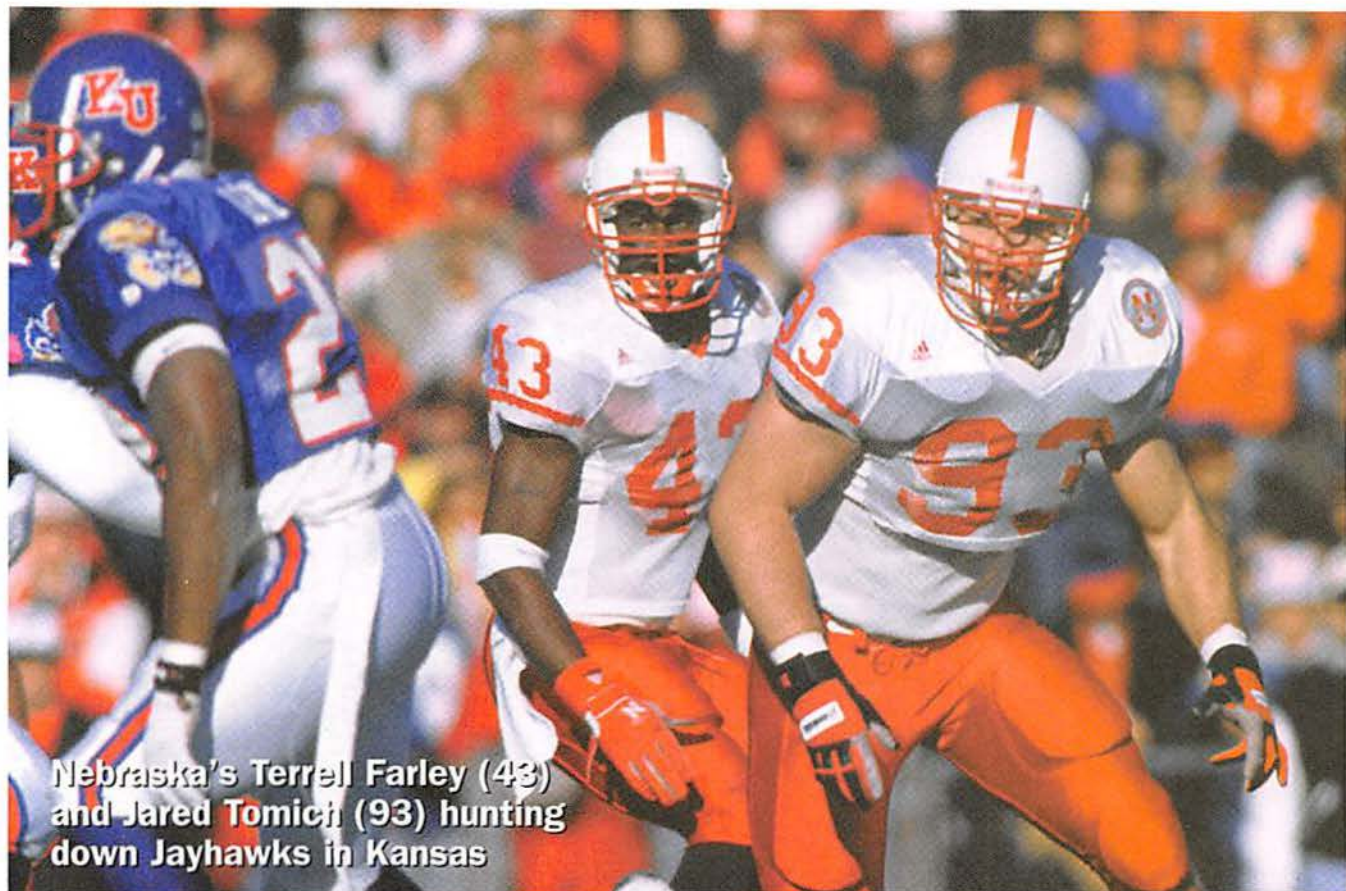
LSU was back in its white home jerseys last year. The average home attendance was 74,358, and T-shirts began to salute a coach named "DiNardeaux." The magic show has just gotten started.

## 20 three-peat?

In the sadness that turned Nebraska's spring game into an outdoor wake two days after the death of Brook Berringer in the crash of a small plane, there was just one moment when Tom Osborne's eyes showed any sense of







Nebraska's Terrell Farley (43) and Jared Tomich (93) hunting down Jayhawks in Kansas

excitement. It came when the coach evaluated the play of the defensive unit and the possibilities for the fall. Clearly, after a season of controversy and a time of shock and grief, Osborne was looking forward to the changes that would come.

For all the things that were written and said about the Cornhuskers last season, the most overlooked aspect of the Nebraska season was a defensive unit that quietly progressed into a dominant group.

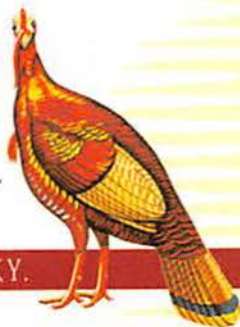
Terrell Farley, a junior college transfer, became a starting linebacker, led the Cornhuskers in tackles and returned two interceptions for touchdowns. Jared Tomich, a defensive end, became an All-American. Grant Wistrom, the other defensive end, was third-team All-America. Michael Booker, a first-year starter at cornerback last season, returned an interception 42 yards for a touchdown in the Fiesta Bowl and was voted the game's Most Valuable Defensive Player. Mike Minter, the safety whose career was threatened by a torn ligament in his left knee two seasons ago, returned to become the quarterback of the defense and was second in tackles.

Much of the focus of this season will be the progress of Scott Frost at quarterback and the emergence of Ahman Green as a leader at I-back. But the overwhelming defensive strength of the Cornhuskers, a secret no longer, may eventually inspire Nebraska entrepreneurs to plan for those "3-Peat" T-shirts.

This Husker season will have a very different script, but you may have the feeling you've already seen the ending. **A**



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## Call is for Volunteers Number One

**N**ormally, crunch time comes late in the season as old rivalries are renewed and conference championships and bowl matchups are decided in November. We'll see more of that again this year, but September offers a few games that should impact heavily on where teams rank in the final polls.

The three Saturdays beginning Sept. 14 have national implications that will last throughout the season. So pay attention early this year. Don't wait until October to start following the games or you will miss some very important events.

On Sept. 14, Michigan visits Colorado. No conference titles will be at stake, but as many as 10 positions in the polls will be. If the Buffaloes lose, beating Nebraska to end the season won't land them in the national championship game. Likewise, if the Wolverines come up short, the Rose Bowl won't harbor any potential national champions, either.

The next weekend (Sept. 21) is huge. Florida and Tennessee battle in Knoxville in a winner-

take-all setting. The loser should forget about the national championship or even the SEC crown. The winner will cruise to the SEC Championship Game and will be favored. The loser will play for a berth in a non-alliance New Year's Day bowl.

It may not sound important now, but Nebraska returns to the desert on Sept. 21. The last time the Cornhuskers were in Tempe, Jan. 2 in the Fiesta Bowl, the game was no contest as they routed Florida 62-24 for the national title. Also, the last time the Huskers played Arizona State, it was no contest (77-28 last September in Lincoln). However, Tommie Frazier orchestrated both games. This year's clash will be an early test for new quarterback Scott Frost.

Two more Top 10 teams square off on Sept. 21: Texas and Notre Dame in Austin. The Irish demolished the Longhorns in South Bend last fall, and revenge is in order but not likely. The following week (Sept. 28), the Irish host Ohio State, so Notre Dame's fate will be decided before October this year.

Realistically, we can narrow the 1996 field to a half-dozen title contenders. Although we are suggesting the national championship will be decided in New Orleans between Nebraska and Tennessee, any of the six teams above have a legitimate chance.

Tennessee has the best shot. Outsourcing Florida's explosive attack in September will propel the Volunteers on their way. The Vols boast Peyton Manning, the best quarterback in the game, and 1,000-yard runner Jay Graham. They also feature an athletic defense with a talented and experienced secondary to slow the Gators' offense.

We've seen how restructuring the SEC into divisions has affected some of the league's rivalries. The same thing is sure to happen in the Big 12. Tennessee-Alabama, historically one of the South's most heated rivalries, has been overshadowed by Tennessee-Florida. Likewise, the Oklahoma-Nebraska rivalry will be upstaged by Nebraska-Colorado and Texas-Oklahoma. The season finale in Lincoln against the Buffs, not the Cornhuskers' date with the Sooners, will determine the Northern Division champion.

Nebraska's defense will be even stronger than last year, when it stonewalled Florida. But as one writer observed after spring practice, "It's obvious Tommie Frazier has left the building." We'll see how quickly Frost, the heralded Stanford transfer, develops.

Once Notre Dame gets past Texas and Ohio State in September, Washington visits on Oct. 12. Other than that, the Irish should cruise through the season until they make the trip west to Los Angeles. USC hasn't beaten Notre Dame in how many years now? Thirteen, is it? The Irish certainly have the offense to make a run — or pass — at the title, but quarterback Ron Powlus will have to play at the level most observers projected when he came out of high school. That's a level Powlus has yet to reach.

Florida State, like Notre Dame, signs elite freshmen classes every February. So, losing a player here or there doesn't seem to make much difference. Take Danny Kanell, the Seminoles' record-setting quarterback last year, for instance. He's gone, but there are few worries in Tallahassee. Thad Busby,

### National Championship Contenders

1. Tennessee
2. Nebraska
3. Notre Dame
4. Florida State
5. Colorado
6. Florida



# Athlon Top 40

the No. 4 recruit on *Athlon's* list in 1993 is antsy to play, as is Dan Kendra, *Athlon's* No. 1 freshman last year. Bobby Bowden's offense shouldn't miss a beat.

Why aren't the Seminoles rated No. 1? They have to go through Miami and then host Florida in November. Also, the ACC is getting stronger, and Virginia proved last year that Florida State is not invincible. The game to watch is the Seminoles' visit to Atlanta after successive games against Miami and Virginia. Georgia Tech will be primed for an upset.

The team most likely to win a national tournament would probably be Colorado, especially if it were a double-elimination format. But, sorry, Buffalo fans, one loss and you're out. Colorado returns 17 starters and will need all of them considering the Buffs will play the toughest schedule of any of this year's national title contenders.

Colorado's upcoming opponents were a combined 81-48-1 last year, and six of the teams were ranked in the Top 17 last January by *Athlon*. Four are coming off 10-win seasons, two others won nine games and another eight. Colorado faces four teams in our Top 16 plus Kansas and Kansas State, ranked No. 26 and 27. If the Buffaloes run the table, then beat Texas in the Big 12 Championship Game, it would be a tragedy for them not to win the national crown. We see Colorado having a great team but slipping up somewhere along the way.

Steve Spurrier must regroup his charges following the thrashing they took at the hands of Nebraska on Jan. 2. You have to go back to 1984 to find the last time Florida beat both Tennessee and Florida State on the road the same season. Doing that again would place a No. 1 ranking well within Florida's reach. Incidentally, in '84, a year the Gators were on probation, they also defeated Syracuse, Auburn and Georgia, after losing to Miami in the season opener.

Florida has been to all four SEC Championship Games, and you can believe the Gators have Sept. 21 circled on their calendars. They will not allow the four-game string to be broken easily.

## Major Bowl Players

7. Michigan
8. USC
9. Texas
10. Clemson
11. Virginia Tech

The next echelon of teams should come up short in their quest for the national title but will play in big games on New Year's Day.

Michigan should be on top of the vastly improved Big 10 in December. The Wolverines will

win with defense. Nose tackle William Carr, linebacker Jarrett Irons, and defensive backs Clarence Thompson and Charles Woodson are familiar names. But if Michigan ventures to the Rose Bowl as expected, the name Clarence Williams will be a household name by November. He is Tim Biakabutuka's replacement at tailback.

The Wolverines' opponent in the Rose Bowl will be a familiar one. Southern California is the top team on the West Coast. At first glance, USC's schedule looks like a bookend season, beginning with Penn State in the Kickoff Classic and ending with games against UCLA and Notre Dame. However, winning at Arizona State in October and beating Washington at the Coliseum in November will earn the Trojans the berth in the Rose Bowl.

On Nov. 29, Texas will play Texas A&M as Nebraska hosts Colorado. The following week, the winners will meet in St. Louis. Sounds like a playoff system brewing to us. Texas will be better than the Aggies but not better than the Northern Division champ, whoever it is.

Clemson made a lot of noise by going 5-0 on the road last year. But a closer look reveals only two of those teams, Maryland and Georgia Tech, had winning records (both were 6-5). Clemson has the only returning quarterback in the ACC, and Raymond Priestler is an all-star caliber runner.

We expect Virginia Tech to win the three-team race in the Big East. A major bowl will be the reward, not a major title.

## Eight Wins Are Not Enough

12. Penn State
13. Ohio State
14. Syracuse
15. Washington
16. Texas A&M
17. Alabama
18. Wisconsin
19. Miami
20. Northwestern
21. Auburn

Winning eight games earns a decent bowl bid and practically ensures a ranking in the Top 25. These teams will be listed when the final rankings come out, but they won't be among the elite. Most of their bowl games will be played in 1996, not '97.

Joe Paterno will struggle with a strong conference schedule while breaking in a new offense. However, Penn State's entire linebacking corps

and secondary return. Ohio State will be right with the Nittany Lions defensively with 10 starters back. But John Cooper will work with a new backfield and receivers.

Syracuse, Washington and Alabama will be runners-up in their respective conferences. Texas A&M will be the bridesmaid in the Southern Division of the Big 12. At Syracuse, there exists team chemistry similar to that which propelled the school's basketball team to the NCAA Finals last April. One would guess the Orangemen would love a shot at Kentucky in the Sugar Bowl for the football championship. Washington has a solid nucleus, but recruiting limitations the last two years will begin to affect their depth. It's a familiar story at Alabama: a dominant defense but questions about a playmaker on offense.

We're starting to see a trend here. Texas A&M features a mature, talented defense, too. Do you get the idea that defenses will dominate games this season? They probably will, at least in the early going while young quarterbacks like Frost at Nebraska and Brannndon Stewart at Texas A&M get their legs under them, and many teams rebuild offenses.

The Badgers are back. With eight starters returning on each side of the ball, home stands against Northwestern and Penn State, and no Michigan on the schedule, Wisconsin should show the prowess that garnered it a Rose Bowl victory following the 1993 season. A strong November should net the Badgers five wins and a nice bowl trip.

The arrogant swagger is gone at Miami — partially legislated out, partially coached out and partially, well, because the Hurricanes just aren't as good anymore. Miami does have 10 starters back on each side. Four wins and an off week precede the Florida State game. Watch out, Bobby Bowden.

No more surprises from the team in purple. Northwestern is now a big game on everyone's schedule. So be ready, Mr. Barnett. We think the Wildcats will be prepared, at least enough to win eight games before their (annual?) bowl trip. Fifth in the Big 10 translates to 20th nationally.

Although sanctions have caused personnel shortages affecting depth, Auburn has three guaranteed non-conference wins and a talented, experienced defense, which should land the Tigers in the Top 25.

## On the Bubble

22. Georgia Tech
23. East Carolina
24. Arizona State
25. Utah
26. Kansas
27. Kansas State
28. LSU



One wind shift, one funny bounce, one slip on wet turf or one twist of a knee is all that could separate the first bubble team from the last. Expect four of these teams to make the final list in January.

Georgia Tech is an improving team in an improving conference and should earn the respect worthy of a Top 25 team.

East Carolina has a favorable schedule and should get its name on the list, and Arizona State and LSU are rapidly on the upswing. The Sun Devils will make it into the Top 25 this year. We predict LSU is a year away.

Utah will win the WAC, earning its way onto the list. Kansas and Kansas State may be the best two teams in this group, but a demanding conference schedule will prevent either team from posting an impressive record.

## Outside Looking In

29. San Diego State
30. Maryland
31. Cincinnati
32. Texas Tech
33. Stanford
34. Georgia
35. West Virginia
36. Virginia
37. Michigan State
38. Iowa
39. BYU
40. Arizona

We expect that most of these teams will vault into the weekly polls during the season, but they won't be there for extended stays.

If San Diego State outplays Utah in the WAC Championship Game, the Aztecs will sneak in. Cincinnati may have the most victories by season's end but still not enough quality wins to influence voters to place the Bearcats among the nation's Top 30 teams.

The other teams listed face too much competition within their respective conferences to be ranked higher, but the lines separating squads at this level get extremely thin.

Maryland, Texas Tech and Stanford have long shots at making the final Top 25 poll. Maryland coach Mark Duffner suffered through a rocky season while building a solid foundation for the future.

Texas Tech steps into a minefield of a conference (Big 12) and needs only one well-placed upset to impress voters. And while Stanford's turnaround a year ago was less dramatic than Northwestern's, it was almost as meaningful to the Cardinal program.

# Purple Meter

Last season, Northwestern coach Gary Barnett stunned the free world by delivering on his promise to take the Purple to Pasadena. *Athlon*, along with every other major poll, had Northwestern ranked in the high seventies. The *Athlon* Purple Meter recognizes teams that could be the next Northwestern and surprise everyone by rising high in the polls.

Purpletude is measured on a scale of 1 to 100, with 100 being the best chance of climbing from the depths of college football to a No. 1 ranking. For its charge last season, we would rate the Wildcats a 93. Earning a rating of 100 would have meant an undefeated season and a national championship. A Rose Bowl win would have earned a 97. A climb like Northwestern's happens, maybe, once every 10 years. As you can see, the ratings — or should we say expectations — are not very high this year.

## WISHFUL THINKERS

## PURPLETUDE

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|-----------------------------|----|
| 1. Indiana . . . . .        | 46 |
| 2. Oklahoma State . . . . . | 41 |
| 3. Oregon State . . . . .   | 36 |
| 4. Purdue . . . . .         | 35 |
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# Conference Predictions

## ACC

### Offensive Player of the Year

Florida State RB Warrick Dunn

### Defensive Player of the Year

Virginia CB Ronde Barber

### Predicted Order of Finish

1. Florida State
2. Clemson
3. Georgia Tech
4. Maryland
5. Virginia
6. North Carolina
7. N.C. State
8. Duke
9. Wake Forest

## Athlon All-ACC Team

### OFFENSE

WR	Andre Cooper	6-2	194	Sr.	Florida State
WR	Octavus Barnes	6-1	182	Jr.	North Carolina
TE	Freddie Jones	6-5	255	Sr.	North Carolina
OL	Darryl Gilliam	6-5	321	Jr.	Maryland
OL	Jeff Saturday	6-3	280	Jr.	North Carolina
OL	Jeremy Raley	6-3	270	Sr.	Virginia
OL	Glenn Rountree	6-3	294	Jr.	Clemson
OL	Eric Greenstein	6-2	300	Sr.	Maryland
QB	Nealon Greene	5-11	191	Jr.	Clemson
RB	Warrick Dunn	5-9	185	Sr.	Florida State
RB	Tiki Barber	5-10	195	Sr.	Virginia

### DEFENSE

DL	Greg Ellis	6-6	260	Jr.	North Carolina
DL	Reinard Wilson	6-2	255	Sr.	Florida State
DL	Eric Ogbogu	6-4	245	Jr.	Maryland
DL	Todd White	6-2	265	Sr.	Virginia
LB	Anthony Simmons	6-1	213	So.	Clemson
LB	Kivuusama Mays	6-4	240	Jr.	North Carolina
LB	Daryl Bush	6-2	230	Jr.	Florida State
DB	Ronde Barber	5-10	180	Jr.	Virginia
DB	Nathan Perryman	5-9	191	Sr.	Georgia Tech
DB	A.J. Johnson	5-10	170	Sr.	Maryland
DB	Dexter McCleon	5-10	196	Sr.	Clemson

### SPECIALISTS

KR	Antwan Wyatt	5-11	197	Sr.	Clemson
PR	Dee Feaster	5-9	175	So.	Florida State
PK	Rafael Garcia	5-11	195	Sr.	Virginia
P	Will Brice	6-5	204	Sr.	Virginia

## Big East

### Offensive Player of the Year

Miami Center K.C. Jones

### Defensive Player of the Year

Virginia Tech DE Cornell Brown

### Predicted Order of Finish

1. Virginia Tech
2. Syracuse
3. Miami
4. West Virginia
5. Boston College
6. Pittsburgh
7. Rutgers
8. Temple

## Athlon All-Big East Team

### OFFENSE

WR	Rashaan Vanterpool	5-11	185	Sr.	West Virginia
WR	Steve Everson	5-10	162	Jr.	Boston College
TE	Todd Pollack	6-4	237	Jr.	Boston College
OL	Jay Hagood	6-4	307	Sr.	Virginia Tech
OL	Billy Conaty	6-3	306	Sr.	Virginia Tech
OL	Mark Nori	6-4	294	Sr.	Boston College
OL	K.C. Jones	6-2	261	Sr.	Miami
OL	Mike Horn	6-5	295	Sr.	West Virginia
QB	Donovan McNabb	6-1	208	So.	Syracuse
RB	Danyell Ferguson	6-0	200	Sr.	Miami
RB	Billy West	5-10	205	Jr.	Pittsburgh

### DEFENSE

DL	Cornell Brown	6-2	240	Sr.	Virginia Tech
DL	Kenny Holmes	6-4	247	Sr.	Miami
DL	Kenard Lang	6-4	251	Jr.	Miami
DL	Nick Gianacacos	6-4	269	Sr.	Boston College
LB	Antwaune Ponds	6-1	232	Jr.	Syracuse
LB	Canute Curtis	6-2	250	Sr.	West Virginia
LB	Brandon Semones	6-0	202	Sr.	Virginia Tech
DB	Kevin Abrams	5-8	158	Sr.	Syracuse
DB	Donovin Darius	6-1	204	Jr.	Syracuse
DB	Torrian Gray	6-0	200	Sr.	Virginia Tech
DB	Daryl Porter	5-9	189	Sr.	Boston College

### SPECIALISTS

KR	Jim Turner	6-4	205	Jr.	Syracuse
PR	Kenyatta Watson	5-10	180	Sr.	Boston College
K	Chris Ferencik	5-10	170	So.	Pittsburgh
P	Sean Reali	5-10	192	Sr.	Syracuse



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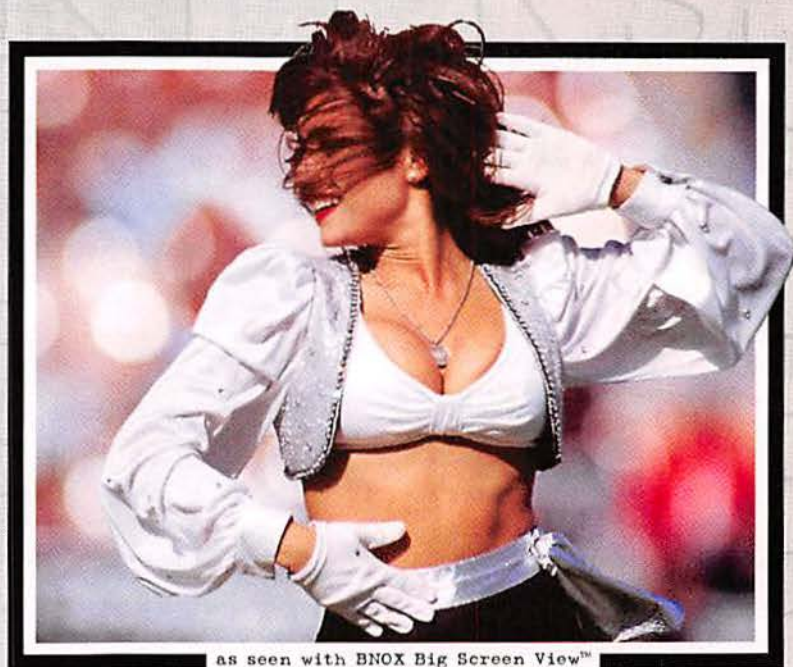
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# Conference Predictions

## Big 10

### Offensive Player of the Year

Ohio State OT Orlando Pace

### Defensive Player of the Year

Northwestern LB Pat Fitzgerald

### Predicted Order of Finish

1. Michigan
2. Penn State
3. Ohio State
4. Wisconsin
5. Northwestern
6. Michigan State
7. Iowa
8. Illinois
9. Minnesota
10. Purdue
11. Indiana

## Athlon All-Big 10 Team

### OFFENSE

WR	D'Wayne Bates	6-2	208	Jr.	Northwestern
WR	Ryan Thelwell	6-2	180	Jr.	Minnesota
TE	Keith Olsson	6-4	248	Sr.	Penn State
OL	Orlando Pace	6-6	320	Jr.	Ohio State
OL	LeShun Daniels	6-2	285	Sr.	Ohio State
OL	Brian Kardos	6-2	298	Sr.	Northwestern
OL	Rod Payne	6-4	285	Sr.	Michigan
OL	Jerry Wunsch	6-6	315	Sr.	Wisconsin
QB	Wally Richardson	6-4	222	Sr.	Penn State
RB	Darnell Autry	5-11	209	Jr.	Northwestern
RB	Sedrick Shaw	6-1	195	Sr.	Iowa

### DEFENSE

DL	Mike Vrabel	6-4	255	Sr.	Ohio State
DL	Tarek Saleh	6-3	236	Sr.	Wisconsin
DL	Matt Rice	6-3	270	Sr.	Northwestern
DL	Nate Davis	6-5	285	Sr.	Indiana
LB	Pat Fitzgerald	6-2	233	Sr.	Northwestern
LB	Jarrett Irons	6-1	231	Sr.	Michigan
LB	Reggie Garnett	6-1	228	Sr.	Michigan St.
DB	Shawn Springs	6-0	185	Jr.	Ohio State
DB	Rodney Heath	5-10	170	Sr.	Minnesota
DB	Brian Miller	5-9	186	Sr.	Penn State
DB	Clarence Thompson	6-1	198	Sr.	Michigan

### SPECIALISTS

KR	Brian Musso	6-1	185	Sr.	Northwestern
PR	Derrick Mason	5-11	190	Sr.	Michigan St.
K	Brett Conway	6-2	188	Sr.	Penn State
P	Nick Gallery	6-4	239	Sr.	Iowa

## Big 12

### Offensive Player of the Year

Iowa State RB Troy Davis

### Defensive Player of the Year

Kansas State CB Chris Canty

### Predicted Order of Finish

- North
1. Nebraska
  2. Colorado
  3. Kansas
  4. Kansas State
  5. Iowa State
  6. Missouri
- South
1. Texas
  2. Texas A&M
  3. Texas Tech
  4. Baylor
  5. Oklahoma
  6. Oklahoma State

## Athlon All-Big 12 Team

### OFFENSE

WR	Mike Adams	6-1	187	Sr.	Texas
WR	Kevin Lockett	6-1	180	Sr.	Kansas State
TE	Pat Fitzgerald	6-2	225	Sr.	Texas
OL	Chris Naeole	6-4	295	Sr.	Colorado
OL	Dan Neil	6-2	285	Sr.	Texas
OL	Chris Dishman	6-3	310	Sr.	Nebraska
OL	Aaron Taylor	6-1	305	Jr.	Nebraska
OL	Calvin Collins	6-3	290	Sr.	Texas A&M
QB	Koy Detmer	6-1	185	Sr.	Colorado
RB	Troy Davis	5-8	190	Jr.	Iowa State
RB	Ahman Green	6-0	210	So.	Nebraska

### DEFENSE

DL	Jared Tomich	6-2	260	Sr.	Nebraska
DL	Brandon Mitchell	6-4	275	Sr.	Texas A&M
DL	Chris Atkins	6-1	292	Jr.	Texas
DL	Grant Wistrom	6-5	250	Jr.	Nebraska
LB	Matt Russell	6-2	245	Sr.	Colorado
LB	Tyrell Peters	6-0	223	Sr.	Oklahoma
LB	Terrell Farley	6-1	205	Sr.	Nebraska
DB	Chris Canty	5-10	190	Jr.	Kansas State
DB	Bryant Westbrook	6-0	195	Sr.	Texas
DB	Joe Gordon	5-9	180	Sr.	Kansas State
DB	DeMontie Cross	6-4	209	Sr.	Missouri

### SPECIALISTS

KR	R.W. McQuarters	5-11	185	So.	Oklahoma St.
PR	Dane Johnson	5-11	179	So.	Texas Tech
K	Phil Dawson	5-11	187	Jr.	Texas
P	Brian Lewis	6-2	220	So.	Oklahoma



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# Conference Predictions

## Big West

### Offensive Player of the Year

Utah State RB Abu Wilson

### Defensive Player of the Year

Nevada LB Deshone Myles

### Predicted Order of Finish

1. Utah State
2. Nevada
3. New Mexico State
4. North Texas
5. Boise State
6. Idaho

## Athlon All-Big West Team

### OFFENSE

WR	Duane Gregory	6-1	190	Jr.	New Mexico State
WR	Damond Wilkins	6-2	180	Sr.	Nevada
TE	Charles Birdwell	6-4	240	So.	New Mexico State
OL	Jim Breckenridge	6-4	280	Sr.	New Mexico State
OL	Keelin Boulware	6-4	285	Sr.	New Mexico State
OL	Robert Waddle	6-3	280	Jr.	North Texas
OL	Richard Zenk	6-5	274	Sr.	Idaho
C	Jeff Hadwick	6-4	250	Sr.	Nevada
QB	Patrick Mullins	6-4	211	Sr.	Utah State
RB	Dennis Manns	5-9	190	So.	New Mexico State
RB	Abu Wilson	6-1	207	Sr.	Utah State

### DEFENSE

DL	Danilo Robinson	6-1	250	Sr.	Utah State
DL	Sione Fufato	6-2	285	Sr.	Boise State
DL	Chris Wing	6-3	235	Sr.	Boise State
DL	Andy Martinez	6-1	280	Sr.	New Mexico State
LB	Mike Crawford	6-2	240	Sr.	Nevada
LB	David Gill	6-0	230	Sr.	Utah State
LB	Deshone Myles	6-3	215	Jr.	Nevada
CB	Darnell Hasson	6-0	175	Sr.	Nevada
CB	Avery Wright	5-10	185	Sr.	North Texas
S	James Johnson	6-0	180	Sr.	Nevada
S	Antoine Chambers	5-11	187	Sr.	Idaho

### SPECIALISTS

KR	Tubby Coleman	5-10	165	So.	North Texas
PR	Jason Bandy	5-8	179	Sr.	Utah State
K	Micah Knorr	6-1	179	Sr.	Utah State
P	Nathan Morreale	5-11	190	Sr.	Utah State

## C-USA

### Offensive Player of the Year

Cincinnati KR Robert Tate

### Defensive Player of the Year

Louisville LB Tyrus McCloud

### Predicted Order of Finish

1. Cincinnati
2. Louisville
3. Southern Miss
4. Houston
5. Memphis
6. Tulane

## Athlon All-C-USA Team

### OFFENSE

WR	Miguel Montano	5-10	181	Jr.	Louisville
WR	Charles West	5-9	185	Sr.	Houston
TE	Cory Geason	6-4	245	Jr.	Tulane
OL	Jason Fabini	6-7	300	Jr.	Cincinnati
OL	Cyril Brockmeier	6-7	304	Sr.	Tulane
OL	Ken Newton	6-3	268	Sr.	Memphis
OL	Darryl Terrell	6-5	310	Sr.	Southern Miss
OL	Steve Misetic	6-5	277	Sr.	Louisville
QB	Chuck Clements	6-3	200	Sr.	Houston
RB	Orlando Smith	6-1	245	Jr.	Cincinnati
RB	Jamaican Dartez	5-7	187	So.	Tulane

### DEFENSE

DL	Darius Felder	6-5	269	Sr.	Cincinnati
DL	Kendrick Gholston	6-3	249	Jr.	Louisville
DL	Robert Brown	6-3	255	Jr.	Southern Miss
DL	Keith Cook	6-5	267	Sr.	Tulane
LB	Brad Jackson	6-2	205	Jr.	Cincinnati
LB	Tyrus McCloud	6-2	251	Sr.	Louisville
LB	Richard Hogans	6-2	235	Sr.	Memphis
DB	Sam Barnes	6-4	215	Sr.	Cincinnati
DB	Sam Madison	5-11	174	Sr.	Louisville
DB	Rod Thomas	6-2	189	Sr.	Southern Miss
DB	Rico Clark	5-10	178	Sr.	Louisville

### SPECIALISTS

KR	Robert Tate	5-10	190	Sr.	Cincinnati
PR	Kendrick Lee	5-9	170	Sr.	Southern Miss
PK	Eric Richards	5-8	160	Jr.	Cincinnati
P	Steve Smith	5-9	164	Sr.	Cincinnati



# MAC

## Offensive Player of the Year

Toledo RB Wasean Tait

## Defensive Player of the Year

Ball State P Brad Maynard

## Predicted Order of Finish

1. Miami (Ohio)
2. Toledo
3. Ball State
4. Central Michigan
5. Bowling Green
6. Eastern Michigan
7. Western Michigan
8. Ohio
9. Kent
10. Akron

## Athlon All-MAC Team

### OFFENSE

WR	Tony Knox	5-9	170	Sr.	Western Michigan
WR	Tremayne Banks	5-10	180	Sr.	Miami
TE	O.J. Santiago	6-7	239	Sr.	Kent
OL	Mike Bird	6-2	295	Jr.	Miami
OL	Tony Roush	6-3	305	Sr.	Ball State
OL	Scott Rehberg	6-8	320	Sr.	Central Michigan
OL	Joe Lewandowski	6-2	285	Jr.	Western Michigan
C	Matt Gregory	6-3	250	Sr.	Eastern Michigan
QB	Charlie Batch	6-2	210	Sr.	Eastern Michigan
TB	Wasean Tait	5-8	175	Sr.	Toledo
FB	Astron Whatley	5-8	177	Jr.	Kent

### DEFENSE

DL	Chris Rawson	6-4	246	Sr.	Western Michigan
DL	Kevin Kwiatkowski	6-4	250	Sr.	Eastern Michigan
DL	Brian Williams	5-11	221	Sr.	Ball State
DL	Jason Holmes	6-3	251	Sr.	Miami
LB	Dee Osborne	6-2	215	Sr.	Miami
LB	Kenyon Harper	6-3	225	Sr.	Miami
LB	Rick Lucas	6-2	210	Sr.	Western Michigan
DB	Quincy Wright	6-1	190	Sr.	Central Michigan
DB	Craig Dues	6-0	188	Sr.	Toledo
DB	Ernest Perry	5-11	190	Sr.	Miami
DB	Tony Britt	5-10	162	Sr.	Kent

### SPECIALISTS

KR	Silas Massey III	5-8	175	So.	Central Michigan
PR	Tremayne Banks	5-10	180	Sr.	Miami
K	Justin Ventura	5-10	165	So.	Eastern Michigan
P	Brad Maynard	6-1	175	Sr.	Ball State

# Pac-10

## Offensive Player of the Year

Arizona State OT Juan Roque

## Defensive Player of the Year

USC DT Darrell Russell

## Predicted Order of Finish

1. USC
2. Washington
3. Arizona State
4. Stanford
5. Arizona
6. Oregon
7. UCLA
8. Washington State
9. California
10. Oregon State

## Athlon All-Pac-10 Team

### OFFENSE

WR	Keith Poole	6-2	185	Sr.	Arizona State
WR	Larry Parker	6-2	190	Jr.	USC
TE	Josh Wilcox	6-3	247	Sr.	Oregon
OL	Juan Roque	6-8	319	Sr.	Arizona State
OL	Paul Wiggins	6-4	305	Sr.	Oregon
OL	Scott Sanderson	6-7	286	Sr.	Wash. State
OL	Tarik Glenn	6-6	345	Sr.	California
OL	Benji Olson	6-4	300	So.	Washington
QB	Jake Plummer	6-2	190	Sr.	Arizona State
RB	Rashaan Shehee	5-11	200	Jr.	Washington
RB	Anthony Bookman	5-9	180	Jr.	Stanford

### DEFENSE

DL	Darrell Russell	6-4	320	Jr.	USC
DL	Matt Keneley	6-5	285	Sr.	USC
DL	Mark Schmidt	6-3	281	Sr.	Oregon
DL	Joe Salave'a	6-4	276	Sr.	Arizona
LB	Ink Aleaga	6-2	225	Sr.	Washington
LB	Scott Von der Ahe	6-0	247	Jr.	Arizona State
LB	James Darling	6-1	245	Sr.	Wash. State
DB	Daylon McCutcheon	5-11	175	So.	USC
DB	Mitchell Freedman	6-0	192	So.	Arizona State
DB	Kelly Malveaux	5-9	176	Jr.	Arizona
DB	Kenny Wheaton	5-9	182	Jr.	Oregon

### SPECIALISTS

KR	Damon Dunn	5-10	175	Jr.	Stanford
PR	Paul Guidry	5-10	175	Sr.	UCLA
PK	Ryan Longwell	6-0	180	Sr.	California
P	Chris Sailer	5-10	188	So.	UCLA



# Conference Predictions

## SEC

### Offensive Player of the Year

Tennessee QB Peyton Manning

### Defensive Player of the Year

Florida DB Lawrence Wright

### Predicted Order of Finish

#### East

1. Tennessee
2. Florida
3. Georgia
4. South Carolina
5. Vanderbilt
6. Kentucky

#### West

1. Alabama
2. Auburn
3. LSU
4. Arkansas
5. Mississippi State
6. Ole Miss

## Athlon All-SEC Team

### OFFENSE

WR	Joey Kent	6-1	184	Sr.	Tennessee
WR	Ike Hilliard	5-11	182	Jr.	Florida
TE	Kris Mangum	6-5	240	Sr.	Ole Miss
OL	Donnie Young	6-4	299	Sr.	Florida
OL	Jeff Mitchell	6-4	285	Sr.	Florida
OL	Leonard Thomas	6-2	294	Sr.	Auburn
OL	Skip Joyce	6-2	290	Sr.	Ole Miss
OL	Jamar Nesbit	6-4	303	So.	S. Carolina
QB	Peyton Manning	6-5	215	Jr.	Tennessee
RB	Jay Graham	6-0	206	Sr.	Tennessee
RB	Kevin Faulk	5-10	195	So.	LSU

### DEFENSE

DL	Jimmy Brumbaugh	6-1	266	So.	Auburn
DL	Leonard Little	6-3	230	Jr.	Tennessee
DT	Henry Taylor	6-1	274	Jr.	S. Carolina
LB	Mark Smith	6-3	229	Sr.	Arkansas
LB	Marcellus Mostella	6-3	235	Sr.	Auburn
LB	Dwayne Rudd	6-2	232	Jr.	Alabama
LB	Dwayne Curry	6-3	248	Sr.	Miss. State
DB	Kevin Jackson	6-1	200	Sr.	Alabama
DB	Lawrence Wright	6-1	209	Sr.	Florida
DB	Corey Johnson	5-11	190	Sr.	Georgia
DB	Ben Washington	5-11	196	Jr.	S. Carolina

### SPECIALISTS

KR	Reidel Anthony	5-11	176	Jr.	Florida
PR	Chris McCranie	5-11	185	Sr.	Georgia
K	Jeff Hall	6-0	182	So.	Tennessee
P	Chad Kessler	6-1	197	Jr.	LSU

## WAC

### Offensive Player of the Year

San Diego State WR Will Blackwell

### Defensive Player of the Year

Utah FS Harold Lusk

### Predicted Order of Finish

#### Mountain Division

1. Utah
2. BYU
3. TCU
4. Tulsa
5. Rice
6. New Mexico
7. SMU
8. UTEP

#### Pacific Division

1. San Diego St.
2. Wyoming
3. Air Force
4. Fresno State
5. Colorado St.
6. Hawaii
7. San Jose St.
8. UNLV

## Athlon All-WAC Team

### OFFENSE

WR	Will Blackwell	6-0	180	Jr.	San Diego St.
WR	Marcus Harris	6-2	214	Sr.	Wyoming
TE	Chad Lewis	6-6	235	Sr.	BYU
OL	Steve Scifres	6-5	291	Sr.	Wyoming
OL	Larry Moore	6-3	290	Sr.	BYU
OL	Ryan Tucker	6-6	290	Sr.	TCU
OL	Keith Chiles	6-0	340	Sr.	SMU
OL	Brandon Turner	6-3	283	Sr.	New Mexico
QB	Beau Morgan	5-11	187	Sr.	Air Force
RB	George Jones	5-9	210	Sr.	San Diego St.
RB	Len Sexton	5-10	175	Sr.	Wyoming

### DEFENSE

DL	Ndukwe Kalu	6-4	245	Sr.	Rice
DL	Cameron Curry	6-5	260	Sr.	Air Force
DL	Matt Harper	6-6	255	Jr.	TCU
LB	Michael Comer	5-9	260	Sr.	UTEP
LB	Shay Muirbrook	6-1	235	Sr.	BYU
LB	Craig Swann	5-11	230	Sr.	SMU
LB	Craig Thompson	6-1	230	Sr.	San Diego St.
DB	Harold Lusk	6-0	193	Sr.	Utah
DB	Ricky Parker	6-1	205	Sr.	San Diego St.
DB	Jeremy Bunch	6-0	207	Sr.	Tulsa
DB	Omar Stoutmire	5-11	195	Sr.	Fresno State

### SPECIALISTS

K	Michael Reeder	6-0	165	Jr.	TCU
P	Tucker Phillips	6-2	210	Sr.	Rice
KR	Az Hakim	5-10	175	Jr.	San Diego St.
PR	James Dye	5-9	150	Sr.	BYU



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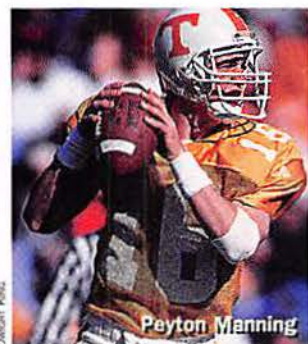


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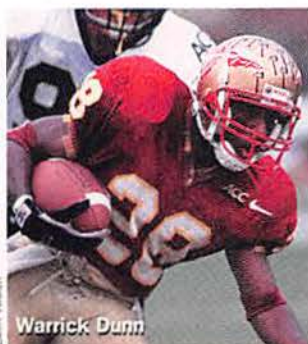


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## First Team

### OFFENSE

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WR	Joey Kent	6-1, 184	Sr.	Tennessee
TE	Pat Fitzgerald	6-2, 225	Sr.	Texas
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OL	Dan Neil	6-2, 285	Sr.	Texas
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### DEFENSE

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DL	Cornell Brown	6-2, 240	Sr.	Virginia Tech
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DL	Darrell Russell	6-4, 320	Jr.	Southern Cal
LB	Pat Fitzgerald	6-2, 233	Sr.	Northwestern
LB	Lyon Cobbs	6-0, 246	Sr.	Notre Dame
LB	Terrell Farley	6-1, 205	Sr.	Nebraska
DB	Chris Canty	5-10, 190	Jr.	Kansas State
DB	Lawrence Wright	6-1, 209	Sr.	Florida
DB	Kevin Abrams	5-8, 158	Sr.	Syracuse
DB	Clarence Thompson	6-1, 198	Sr.	Michigan

### SPECIALISTS

KR	Robert Tate	5-10, 190	Sr.	Cincinnati
PR	James Dye	5-9, 150	Sr.	BYU
K	Michael Reeder	6-0, 162	Jr.	TCU
P	Brad Maynard	6-1, 175	Sr.	Ball State

## Second Team

### OFFENSE

WR	Andre Cooper	6-2, 194	Sr.	Florida State
WR	Keith Poole	6-2, 185	Sr.	Arizona State
TE	Freddie Jones	6-5, 255	Sr.	North Carolina
OL	Steve Scifres	6-5, 291	Sr.	Wyoming
OL	Chris Dishman	6-3, 310	Sr.	Nebraska
OL	Billy Conaty	6-3, 306	Sr.	Virginia Tech
OL	K.C. Jones	6-2, 261	Sr.	Miami
OL	Calvin Collins	6-3, 290	Sr.	Texas A&M
QB	Danny Wuerffel	6-2, 209	Sr.	Florida
RB	Darnell Autry	5-11, 209	Jr.	Northwestern
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### DEFENSE

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DL	Grant Wistrom	6-5, 250	Jr.	Nebraska
DL	Tarek Saleh	6-3, 236	Sr.	Wisconsin
LB	Daryl Bush	6-2, 230	Jr.	Florida State
LB	Matt Russell	6-2, 245	Sr.	Colorado
LB	Anthony Simmons	6-1, 213	So.	Clemson
DB	Ronde Barber	5-10, 180	Jr.	Virginia
DB	Bryant Westbrook	6-0, 195	Sr.	Texas
DB	Shawn Springs	6-0, 185	Jr.	Ohio State
DB	Nathan Perryman	5-9, 191	Sr.	Georgia Tech

### SPECIALISTS

KR	Damon Dunn	5-10, 175	Jr.	Stanford
PR	Paul Guidry	5-10, 175	Sr.	UCLA
K	Jeff Hall	6-0, 182	So.	Tennessee
P	Will Brice	6-5, 204	Sr.	Virginia

## Third Team

### OFFENSE

WR	Marcus Harris	6-2, 214	Sr.	Wyoming
WR	Ike Hilliard	5-11, 182	Jr.	Florida
TE	Kris Mangum	6-5, 240	Sr.	Mississippi
OL	Donnie Young	6-4, 299	Sr.	Florida
OL	Benji Olson	6-4, 300	So.	Washington
OL	Ryan Tucker	6-6, 290	Sr.	TCU
OL	Jay Hagood	6-4, 307	Sr.	Virginia Tech
OL	Rod Payne	6-4, 285	Sr.	Michigan
QB	Jake Plummer	6-2, 190	Sr.	Arizona State
RB	Tiki Barber	5-10, 195	Sr.	Virginia
RB	Ahman Green	6-0, 210	So.	Nebraska

### DEFENSE

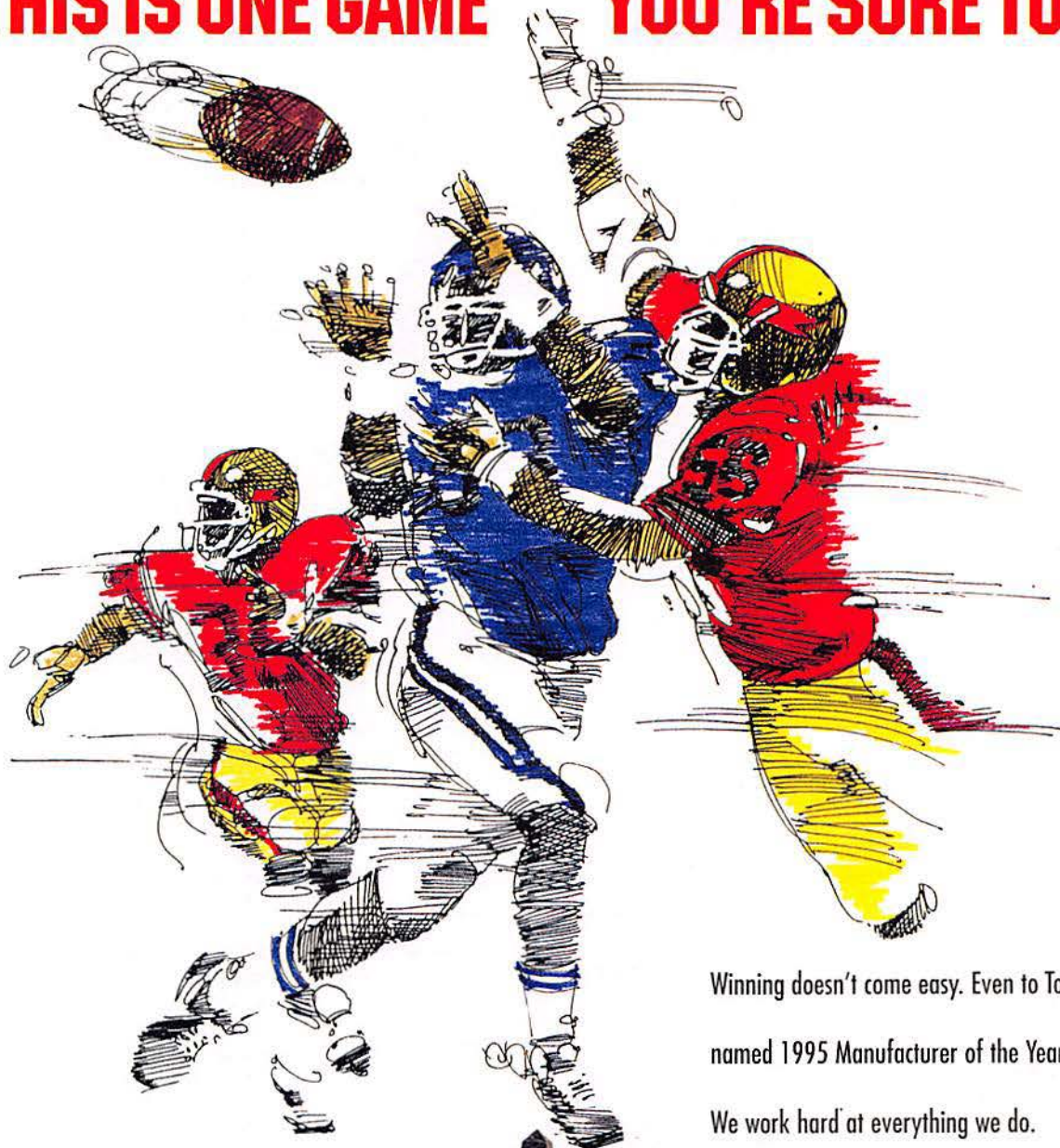
DL	Matt Rice	6-3, 270	Sr.	Northwestern
DL	Kenny Holmes	6-4, 247	Sr.	Miami
DL	Greg Ellis	6-6, 260	Jr.	North Carolina
DL	Matt Finkes	6-2, 258	Sr.	Ohio State
LB	Tyrus McCloud	6-2, 251	Sr.	Louisville
LB	Jarrett Irons	6-1, 231	Sr.	Michigan
LB	Reggie Garnett	6-1, 228	Sr.	Michigan State
DB	Sean Andrews	5-10, 176	Jr.	Navy
DB	Kenny Wheaton	5-9, 182	Jr.	Oregon
DB	Brian Miller	5-9, 186	Sr.	Penn State
DB	Kevin Jackson	6-1, 200	Sr.	Alabama

### SPECIALISTS

KR	Emmett Mosley	5-8, 184	Sr.	Notre Dame
PR	Brian Roberson	5-10, 170	Sr.	Fresno State
K	Phil Dawson	5-11, 187	Jr.	Texas
P	Chad Kessler	6-1, 197	Jr.	LSU



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**Head Coach:****1995 Record (SEC):****1996 Pick:****Phillip Fulmer****11-1-0 (7-1-0)****1st SEC East**

**W**hen Phillip Fulmer was elevated to head coach after the 1992 season, he spoke about taking Tennessee's program to that nebulous region known as "the next level."

With a Heisman Trophy hopeful at quarterback, a record-setting senior at tailback, six returning starters on defense and — perhaps most important — a schedule that brings Florida and Alabama to Knoxville, this is a season rife with high expectations.

"We have some concerns about the offensive line and at linebacker, but we have an opportunity to do some things this season," Fulmer says.

Junior quarterback Peyton Manning, a front-runner in the Heisman hunt, puts it this way: "We're not afraid to talk about the national championship at Tennessee." If things fall right, that could be more than just idle talk.

Barring injury, Manning will take every significant snap for the Vols this year, just as he did last season. And with Manning's growth and experience, Tennessee coaches have entrusted him with more read-and-react opportunities.

"He walks up to the line, sees what you're doing, and you can almost see him smile," says John Walters, former Alabama linebacker. "He reads defenses like he's been in the NFL five or six years."

Manning has already done something neither of his immediate predecessors, Heath Shuler and Andy Kelly, did: beat Alabama. If Manning can improve on last year's exceptional numbers (64.2 percent passing for 2,954 yards and 22 touchdowns, with just four interceptions) he could become Tennessee's first Heisman Trophy winner and perhaps lead the Vols to the promised land.

Still, there is continuing concern about what would happen if Manning were injured. Redshirt freshman Shawn Snyder made enough improvement in spring practice that sophomore Jermaine Copeland appears likely to stick at wide receiver. Plus, heralded signee Tee Martin comes aboard this fall.

On most teams, Jay Graham would be getting the bulk of publicity and acclaim, but the senior tailback doesn't seem to mind the attention lavished on Manning. "I let my performance speak for itself," says the soft-spoken Graham.

During his 1,438-yard performance last year, Graham also silenced critics who questioned his ability to break long runs. He supplied the knockout punch against Alabama with a 75-yard burst and burned Ohio State in the Florida Citrus Bowl with a 69-yard sprint.

Freshman Brian Darden, considered a future star, will have the luxury of easing into the rotation at tailback. Sophomore Mark Levine is also in the picture. Senior Chester Ford returns at fullback and is a battering-ram blocker. Eric Lane, also a senior, will continue to work at fullback and is a good runner and receiver.

Senior Joey Kent has emerged as one of the nation's premier wideouts. He caught a school-

**Peyton Manning**

record 69 passes for 1,055 yards and nine touchdowns last year, and his 80-yard catch and run on the first play from scrimmage against Alabama was an eye-opener.

Marcus Nash, a junior, was the Vols' second-leading receiver last year and is especially adept at turning short routes into big gains. Fellow junior Andy McCullough and sophomore Peerless Price are other prime targets on the flank.

Tight ends don't get much attention in the Vols' three-wideout formation, but sophomore Dustin Moore is a viable target. Senior Scott Pfeiffer started the final seven games last season.

Tennessee's offensive line has been consistently outstanding over the last decade. This year, though, some young Vols will have to grow up

quickly. Several upperclassmen with varying levels of experience figure into the mix, although the best of the bunch may be redshirt freshman Chad Clifton, who could start at right tackle. The other starters are likely to be junior Sam Pinner at center, juniors Robert Poole and Jarvis Reado at the guards, and junior Trey Teague at left tackle. Senior Brent Gibson could work his way in at tackle, as could senior Mark Ingram at center. Junior tackle Brad Lampley and sophomore guard Jeremy Shadrack could also get plenty of work.

It took junior Leonard Little just one season at defensive end to become one of the best players in the SEC. After being harassed by the swift, relentless Little, South Carolina quarterback Steve Taneyhill remarked, "That guy coming off the corner is something special." Little had a team-high 11 sacks last season. Fellow junior Jonathan Brown will start at the other end, although sophomore Jeff Coleman had a good spring and should play extensively. Redshirt freshman Billy Ratliff signed as a linebacker but has bulked up to 265 pounds and could end up at either end or tackle.

Ron Green played extensively as a freshman last year and should again see lots of action at tackle, where juniors Bill Duff and Billy Beron are listed as the starters. Junior college transfers Buck Buxton and Corey Terry will add depth along the defensive front.

Senior Tyrone Hines is a fixture at middle linebacker, but the outside spots are serious concerns. Fifth-year senior Nick Jester is a possible starter, as is oft-injured senior Craig King, but the player to watch is Al Wilson, a heavy-hitting sophomore who moved to linebacker from safety.

Jason Parker, absent last season due to an off-field problem, returns to the secondary, where his hard tackling at free safety is a major addition. If anything, Parker believes the year away from football has made him a better player.

"I'm hungrier now," he says. "You don't realize how much you miss football until you're not able to play."

Junior Tori Noel will team with Parker at safety, with senior Raymond Austin switching to cornerback. Terry Fair, a junior, is a returning starter at the other corner, and incoming freshman Dwayne Goodrich could have an impact.

Jeff Hall made 16-of-25 field-goal attempts as a freshman and is All-SEC. Senior punter Larry Binion saved his best kicking for last, averaging 44.3 yards on his first six punts in the Florida Citrus Bowl before nailing two pooch punts that died deep in Ohio State territory. But Binion's lack of consistency could give freshman David Leaverton a chance to see action. Fair is the primary return man on both kickoffs and punts.

Most of the elements are in place for a run at the national championship. As Fulmer promised, he has upgraded recruiting, and the Vols have unprecedented depth at virtually every position.

**depth chart****OFFENSE (7)**

TE	89	Scott Pfeiffer (Sr., 3); 86 Dustin Moore (So., 1)
LT	70	Trey Teague (Jr., 2); 51 Brent Gibson (Sr., 3)
LG	72	Jarvis Reado (Jr., 1); 63 Jeremy Shadrack (So., 0)
C	59	Sam Pinner (Jr., 1); 52 Mark Ingram (Sr., 1)
RG	65	Robert Poole (Jr., 2); 54 Diron Robinson (So., 1)
RT	67	Chad Clifton (Fr., 0); 79 Brad Lampley (Jr., 0)
WR	12	Marcus Nash (Jr., 2); 88 Andy McCullough (Jr., 2)
WR	11	Joey Kent (Sr., 3); 81 Benjie Shuler (Jr., 0)
QB	16	Peyton Manning (Jr., 2); 14 Shawn Snyder (Fr., 0)
FB	20	Chester Ford (Sr., 2); 5 Eric Lane (Sr., 3)
TB	25	Jay Graham (Sr., 3); 19 Mark Levine (So., 1)
PK	4	Jeff Hall (So., 1)

**DEFENSE (6)**

LE	1	Leonard Little (Jr., 1); 40 Billy Ratliff (Fr., 0)
LT	50	Bill Duff (Jr., 2); 99 Mercedes Hamilton (So., 1)
RT	94	Billy Beron (Jr., 2); 55 Ron Green (So., 1)
RE	91	Jonathan Brown (Jr., 2); 92 Jeff Coleman (So., 1)
LLB	27	Al Wilson (So., 1); 35 Shawn Johnson (Fr., 0)
MLB	47	Tyrone Hines (Sr., 2); 98 Antron Peebles (So., 0)
RLB	44	Craig King (Sr., 2); 45 Nick Jester (Sr., 3)
LCB	28	Raymond Austin (Sr., 3); 34 Steve Johnson (Jr., 2)
RCB	13	Terry Fair (Jr., 2); 41 Troy Pratt (Sr., 2)
SS	9	Tori Noel (Jr., 2); 2 Fred White (Fr., 0)
FS	7	Jason Parker (Sr., 3); 30 Cory Gaines (Jr., 1)
P	39	Larry Binion (Sr., 1)

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**Head Coach:** Tom Osborne  
**1995 Record (Big Eight):** 12-0-0 (7-0-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 1st Big 12 North

**R**arely, if ever, has a college football team dominated its opposition the way Nebraska did in 1995.

"We have no answers, no answers," Florida coach Steve Spurrier said after watching Nebraska embarrass his Gator team 62-24 in the Fiesta Bowl game and win its second straight national championship.

Now, the Cornhuskers will attempt to become the first team to win a third consecutive national title since The Associated Press poll began in 1936. Only eight other teams, including Nebraska, champion in 1970-71, have even had the opportunity to do that.

Nebraska appears to have the essential raw materials: strength, speed and experience. The critical question: Does Tom Osborne (231-47-3), who has the highest winning percentage among active NCAA Division I-A coaches, have a quarterback he can depend on?

With the graduation of the spectacular Tommie Frazier, junior Scott Frost takes over. Frost participated as a backup for two years at Stanford before transferring to Nebraska, where his father, Larry, played wingback under coach Bob Devaney in the late '60s. Though recruited by Stanford out of Wood River, Neb., because of his passing skills, Frost has the physical credentials necessary to run the option. He is 6-3, 215 and has good speed. Senior Matt Turman is a seasoned, capable backup. In 1994, Turman started the 17-6 victory at Kansas State.

Sophomore I-back Ahman Green was too talented to sit out as a redshirt but began his freshman season at the bottom of the depth chart. He didn't become the starter until the sixth game, and then only because of starter Lawrence Phillips' suspension and injuries to backups Clinton Childs and Damon Benning. Yet Green rushed for 1,086 yards, the most ever by a Cornhusker freshman, and scored 16 touchdowns. He was All-Big Eight and conference Offensive Newcomer of the Year.

Benning, a senior, started two games. Green, Benning and junior James Sims will be joined by highly rated rookie DeAngelo Evans of Wichita, Kan. Senior Brian Schuster and sophomore Joel Makovicka are running 1-2 at fullback. Both came to Nebraska as walk-ons.

Nebraska's receivers are primarily blockers. Senior split end Brendan Holbein has been described by Ron Brown, his position coach, as the most tenacious blocking wide receiver at the collegiate level. Holbein's 14 receptions for 151 yards were a bonus in 1995. Sophomore Kenny Cheatham played as a backup split end and returned punts and kickoffs through the first five games of the 1995 season before being sidelined by a shoulder injury.

Senior wingback Jon Vedral caught five touchdown passes and recovered two fumbles for touchdowns. Juniors Tim Carpenter and Vershan Jackson and sophomore Sheldon Jackson (no



Ahman Green

relation) probably will share time at tight end.

Nebraska has led the nation in rushing the last two seasons and in six of the last eight. The expected drop-off in the offensive line after four 1994 starters graduated did not occur. "They just grow those guys on trees, it seems," Kansas State defensive tackle Tim Colston said after the Huskers downed the Wildcats 49-25. Three starters return for '96. Junior Aaron Taylor, all-conference as a guard, moved to center during the spring. Senior Chris Dishman switches from tackle to guard to replace Taylor. Junior Eric Anderson returns at tackle, with senior Adam Treu, Anderson's backup a year ago, at the other. Junior Jon Zatechka will join Dishman at guard. "The speed of their linemen sets them apart,"

says Iowa State inside linebacker Michael Cooper. "On their options and outside plays, they're into the secondary before you get a chance to do anything about it."

On the defensive line, junior tackle Jason Peter is a returning starter, and senior Jeff Ogard is the likeliest candidate to replace Jason's brother, Christian, who graduated, as the other tackle. Ogard has size and strength. He just needs to improve his technique to play at Christian's level, according to defensive coordinator Charlie McBride. Among the other tackle candidates are seniors Scott Saltsman and Larry Townsend, and sophomore Jason Wiltz.

Senior Jared Tomich and junior Grant Wistrom are outstanding outside linebackers, as good a combination as there is. "Tomich and Wistrom are as high-intensity as we've had there," says McBride. "Those guys are going all the time."

Senior Terrell Farley is a terror at weak-side linebacker. He led the team in tackles (62) and blocked kicks (two) and tied for the lead in interceptions (three, returning two for touchdowns). He also had five sacks and nine tackles for losses, and he started just five games. Senior Jamel Williams takes over on the strong side. Sophomore Jay Foreman, who started on the strong side in '95, was moved to the middle in the spring.

Senior Michael Booker, chosen as the outstanding defensive player in the Fiesta Bowl, is the returning starter at one corner, and senior Mike Minter returns at rover. Senior Mike Fullman and junior Leslie Dennis also are experienced cornerbacks. Senior Eric Stokes will settle in at free safety after playing every position in the secondary at one time or another.

Sophomore Kris Brown not only was the first true freshman ever to be Nebraska's No. 1 place-kicker, but he also established a school single-season record for points by kicking with 97. He was successful on 13-of-16 field-goal attempts, including 7-of-9 from 30 yards or more. His field goal percentage (.813) was the best in school history.

Junior Jesse Kosch, a walk-on punter whose father, Bill, was a defensive back for Bob Devaney's national championship teams in 1970 and 1971, averaged 40.3 yards. But he punted only 27 times in 10 games during the regular season. Fullman, the smallest player on the team, is the No. 1 punt returner. Among Fullman's 21 returns was a 79-yarder for a touchdown against Kansas State. Green and Benning return kickoffs. Cheatham could also be a factor as a return man.

Nebraska must overcome the burden of history and find a quarterback if it is to extend its 25-game winning streak, win the first Big 12 title and earn a third straight national crown. Nebraska owes its championships to combining character and a tremendous work ethic. And those elements appear to be there again.

"We have a lot of very good people," Osborne concedes. "But you never know the chemistry of a team. You never know how that will work out."

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (5)

SE	5	Brendan Holbein (Sr., 3); 14 Lance Brown (So., 1)
LT	77	Adam Treu (Sr., 2); 73 Fred Pollack (Jr., 2)
LG	75	Chris Dishman (Sr., 3); 68 James Sherman (Fr., 0)
C	67	Aaron Taylor (Jr., 2); 51 Matt Vrzal (Sr., 2)
RG	64	Jon Zatechka (Jr., 2); 62 Matt Hoskinson (Jr., 1)
RT	70	Eric Anderson (Jr., 2); 78 Kory Mikos (Sr., 2)
TE	90	Tim Carpenter (Jr., 2); 88 Sheldon Jackson (So., 1)
QB	7	Scott Frost (Jr., 0); 11 Matt Turman (Sr., 2)
FB	28	Brian Schuster (Sr., 2); 45 Joel Makovicka (So., 1)
IB	30	Ahman Green (So., 1); 21 Damon Benning (Sr., 3)
WB	25	Jon Vedral (Sr., 2); 33 Sean Wieting (Jr., 0)
PK	35	Kris Brown (So., 1)

### DEFENSE (7)

LR	93	Jared Tomich (Sr., 2); 57 Chad Kelsay (So., 1)
DT	97	Jeff Ogard (Sr., 2); 74 Scott Saltsman (Sr., 2)
DT	95	Jason Peter (Jr., 2); 99 Jason Wiltz (So., 0)
RR	98	Grant Wistrom (Jr., 2); 84 Mike Rucker (So., 1)
SLB	28	Jamel Williams (Sr., 2); 41 Tony Ortiz (Fr., 0)
MLB	56	Jay Foreman (So., 1); 44 Jon Hesse (Sr., 2)
WLB	43	Terrell Farley (Sr., 1); 91 Ryan Terwilliger (Sr., 3)
LCB	20	Michael Booker (Sr., 2); 17 Chad Blahak (Sr., 1);
RCB	12	Mike Fullman (Sr., 1); 2 Leslie Dennis (Jr., 2)
ROV	10	Mike Minter (Sr., 3); 4 Octavius McFarlin (Jr., 2)
FS	16	Eric Stokes (Sr., 3); 3 Eric Warfield (Jr., 1)
P	19	Jesse Kosch (Jr., 1)

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**Head Coach:**  
**1995 Record:**

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**B**eginning his 11th season at Notre Dame, coach Lou Holtz has a new contract, a new offense and the same old challenge: to win the national championship.

Nothing less than No. 1 satisfies Fighting Irish fans, and after dropping out of the national championship picture early in each of the last two seasons, Holtz will have a slew of experienced players in key positions to make a serious run.

There are problem areas, to be sure, besides the fact that six of the teams on Notre Dame's schedule have the week off before facing the Irish. The wide receiver corps is bereft of game-breaking ability with the departure of Derrick Mayes, the defensive secondary must be rebuilt and the kicking game is still unproven. But Holtz will have strength where it counts: up front on both sides of the ball and in the offensive backfield.

"This is probably the most optimistic I have been in a while," says Holtz, who is coming off successive 6-5-1 and 9-3 campaigns since blowing the 1993 national title in the season finale.

All eyes will be on Ron Powlus. The onetime wunderkind is a senior now and must overcome injuries and the outrageous expectations he faced when he entered Notre Dame. The latter is curious since Powlus holds the school single-season record for touchdown passes and needs only 11 more this year to break Rick Mirer's career mark. But the greatness of Notre Dame quarterbacks lies in national championships, which leaves Powlus hoping that this season might be his and the team's year.

"The seniors here, as freshmen, were on the brink of a national championship, but we've not really done anything since," he says. "That's the ultimate goal and that's the only goal here — 10-1 isn't good enough."

Powlus missed his freshman season due to a broken collarbone, then he broke his left (non-throwing) arm late last season and didn't play in the Orange Bowl, when Holtz unveiled a four- and five-receiver offensive set.

"I love that stuff," Powlus says. "The quick passing game with three, four, five receivers. I ran it four years in high school, and I think it will help us be very successful."

Senior Tom Krug, who stepped in for Powlus for the last 1½ games of '95 and the Orange Bowl, will play no more football. A fused vertebrae was discovered in Krug's neck during spring practice, ending his career. Sophomore Jarious Jackson will be called upon when Holtz wants to run the option.

The Irish are deep and experienced and, despite Holtz's promise to put the ball in the air, will continue to grind it out from the I-formation. Senior fullback Marc Edwards was second on the team in both rushing and receiving. He'll get help from 250-pound sophomore Jamie Spencer.

Senior tailback Randy Kinder was Notre Dame's leading ground gainer the last two seasons, but Autry Denson, who was good enough as a fresh-



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man to merit four starting assignments, is the most exciting runner at tailback. Senior Robert Farmer missed most of '95 with a knee injury but rushed for a team-leading 93 yards in a 31-26 loss to Florida State in the Orange Bowl.

The lack of proven receivers is "acute," according to Holtz, "because we have absolutely nobody that we know of that you can go to who has big-play capability."

Of the wideouts returning, only senior Emmett Mosley has substantial experience with 28 career catches. Seniors Cikai Champion and Scott Sollmann have the only game receptions among the other candidates, a list that includes junior Malcolm Johnson and sophomores Bobby Brown and Hunter Smith, the punter. Help could come from

the recruits, particularly Raki Nelson of Harrisburg, Pa., who was a member of several prep All-America teams.

The good news comes from the return of tight end Pete Chryplewicz, who opted to use his fifth year of eligibility to enhance his status in next year's NFL draft.

Notre Dame returns four players with starting experience in the offensive line. Senior Chris Clevenger had shoulder surgery in the off-season but will be back at left tackle. Senior Mike Doughty returns at right tackle. Senior Jeremy Akers missed some time because of injuries last season but will start at left guard, and sophomore Mike Rosenthal will be at right guard. Senior Rick Kaczinski is back at center.

Bob Davie's defense finally has some numbers to play with, and its front seven could be among the best in the country. The only defensive regu-

## Holtz has a new contract, a new offense . . . and the same old challenge: to win the national championship.

lar gone from up front is nose guard Paul Grismanis, and he will be replaced by fifth-year senior David Quist. Renaldo Wynn, Notre Dame's most consistent defensive performer last season, also returns for a fifth year at end. At the other end will be senior Melvin Dansby, who missed all of 1995 with a neck injury but has big-play ability."

The Irish return all four starting linebackers, including Lyron Cobbins, who led the team in tackles (105), interceptions (five) and fumble recoveries (three). Also back is second-leading tackler Kinnon Tatum on the inside. Both are seniors, as is Bert Berry, who was switched from drop to rush outside linebacker. The drop side will now be manned by sophomore Kory Minor.

The Achilles heel of the Irish defense is the secondary. Three starters have graduated. Junior cornerback Allen Rossum, the team's fastest player, is the only returning starter. Junior Ivory Covington, famous for his game-saving goal-line tackle in the Army game, will be in the other corner.

Junior Jarvis Edison, who played just 10 minutes last season, is expected to start at free safety, while strong safety belonged to sophomore Benny Guilbeaux after spring practice.

Smith averaged just 36 yards per punt, and Holtz is still looking for a placekicker after sophomore Kevin Kopka was inconsistent last year.

The Irish have their best chance since 1993 to compete for a national championship if three things occur: Powlus must stay healthy; a sure-handed receiver, if not a game-breaker, must emerge from a group of inexperienced candidates; and the front seven on defense must control the run and put pressure on the passer while an untested secondary learns the ropes.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (7)

SE	88	Bobby Brown (So., 0); 80 Malcolm Johnson (Jr., 1)
LT	75	Chris Clevenger (Sr., 2); 42 Tim Ridder (So., 0)
LG	76	Jeremy Akers (Sr., 3); 71 Jerry Wisne (So., 0)
C	57	Rick Kaczinski (Sr., 1); 66 Jeff Kilburg (Sr., 0)
RG	79	Mike Rosenthal (So., 1); 52 Alex Mueller (So., 0)
RT	73	Mike Doughty (Sr., 2); 67 John Wagner (So., 0)
TE	98	Pete Chryplewicz (Sr., 3); 89 John Cerasani (So., 0)
FB	5	Emmett Mosley (Sr., 2); 83 Scott Sollmann (Sr., 2)
QB	3	Ron Powlus (Sr., 2); 7 Jarious Jackson (So., 0)
FB	44	Marc Edwards (Sr., 3); 34 Jamie Spencer (So., 0)
TB	25	Randy Kinder (Sr., 3); 31 Robert Farmer (Sr., 3)
PK	20	Kevin Kopka (So., 1)

### DEFENSE (7)

E	48	Renaldo Wynn (Sr., 3); 56 Kurt Belisle (Jr., 1)
NG	69	David Quist (Sr., 2); 42 Alton Malden (Sr., 0)
T	51	Melvin Dansby (Sr., 2); 95 Corey Bennett (Jr., 1)
OLB	4	Kory Minor (So., 1); 43 Bill Wagasy (Sr., 2)
SAM	6	Lyron Cobbins (Sr., 3); 41 Joe Babey (Sr., 1)
WILL	2	Kinnon Tatum (Sr., 3); 27 Bobbie Howard (So., 1)
OLB	13	Bert Berry (Sr., 3); 33 John McLaughlin (Jr., 2)
CB	15	Allen Rossum (Jr., 2); 24 Ty Goode (Jr., 0)
CB	14	Ivory Covington (Jr., 2); 21 Shannon Stephens (So., 0)
SS	39	Benny Guilbeaux (So., 0); 12 Mario Strayhorn (So., 0)
FS	30	Jarvis Edison (Jr., 1); 29 A'Jani Sanders (So., 0)
P	8	Hunter Smith (So., 1)

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**A**ttention all you preseason prognosticators: If you want to predict another high finish for Florida State, you won't get any argument from Bobby Bowden.

Never before has a team won at least 10 games for nine straight seasons. Never before has a program finished in The Associated Press top four nine years in a row. For good measure, the Seminoles have won 11 consecutive bowl games. That's a record, too.

Records, they say, are made to be broken, and Florida State keeps breaking its own. Look for more of the same this fall with 57 lettermen on hand, including seven starters on offense, eight on defense and both kickers.

"I'm as excited about the potential of this team as any that I've had," says the 66-year-old Bowden, who is in his 21st season at Florida State (186-49-4) and 31st overall (259-81-4). "If we can stay healthy and have a little luck on our side, we could be right there in the hunt at the end of the year. We have reached the point that we keep our goal the same, and that is to win the national championship."

Last year's 10-2 record actually was something of a disappointment in Tallahassee. For the first time, the Seminoles lost an Atlantic Coast Conference game (they had been 29-0) and had to share the championship with Virginia, which beat them 33-28 when tailback Warrick Dunn was stopped an inch from the goal line on the game's final play.

From the standpoint of experience, not talent, there is one huge question mark. That would be the quarterback position, where ACC Player of the Year Danny Kanell left with a school- and conference-record 57 career touchdown passes, 32 of which came last year.

The Seminoles will take their road show outside Florida only twice, to North Carolina State and Georgia Tech. The typically rugged non-conference schedule consists of Florida, Miami and Southern Mississippi.

Junior Thad Busby has the inside track at quarterback, but he will be challenged by heralded redshirt freshman Dan Kendra, a phenomenal athlete who bench-presses more than 400 pounds and has a 37-inch vertical leap.

Busby, who has yet to start a game, has all the tools to become one of the top quarterbacks in Florida State history. Last year, he completed 38-of-59 passes for 571 yards and four touchdowns.

Like the battery bunny on television, Dunn keeps going and going. Fortunately for his school, he didn't go as far as the NFL. He will be back for his senior year. Last season, Dunn rushed for a school-record 1,242 yards (7.5 per carry) and became the first Seminole to record two thousand-yard rushing seasons. He is 778 yards short of becoming Florida State's career rushing leader.

Behind Dunn are a pair of game-breakers. Junior Rock Preston averaged 7.1 yards a carry,



Moss, the 1994 prep Player of the Year, and Peter Warrick. Junior Melvin Pearsall and senior Kamari Charlton shared tight end last season.

Senior guard Chad Bates and senior tackle Todd Fordham are returning starters up front, but the other positions are open. The losses include three-time all-conference center Clay Shiver and guard Lewis Tyre, who set a school record with 49 consecutive starts. Junior Kevin Long filled in nicely at center when Shiver missed the Orange Bowl and is the heir apparent. Junior college transfer Walter Jones, who sat out last season, is the favorite to start at the guard opposite Bates. Junior Tra Thomas, a 330-pounder, played well as a reserve and should move into a starting role at tackle.

down from 8.6 in 1994, and sophomore Dee Feaster was at 6.6.

Returning at fullback is 286-pound junior Pooh Bear Williams, who carried 46 times and scored 12 touchdowns.

Senior Andre Cooper and junior E.G. Green return to anchor an impressive receiving corps. A year ago, they became the only tandem in ACC history to each post more than 1,000 receiving yards. Cooper caught 71 balls for 1,002 yards and a school-record 15 touchdowns; Green had 60 for 1,007 yards and 10 scores.

Also back are senior Wayne Messam, who had more than 100 receiving yards against Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl, and sophomore Ron Dugans. Keep an eye on redshirt freshmen Randy

Opposing offensive lines will have trouble keeping senior defensive end Reinard Wilson and junior end Peter Boulware out of their backfields. Wilson will start for the third straight year and is four sacks away from the school record of 25. His nine sacks last season were second only in the ACC to Boulware's 10, and Boulware wasn't even a full-time starter.

Tackle Orpheus Royce is gone, leaving senior Connell Spain and junior Julian Pittman fighting for playing time. Junior nose guard Andre Wadsworth was the team's second-leading tackler and should control the middle.

There may be some experimentation at linebacker, except in the middle where junior Daryl Bush returns. Last year, Bush was the only sophomore among the semifinalists for the Butkus Award.

Senior Sam Cowart led the team with 115 tackles but suffered a knee injury in the Orange Bowl and had reconstructive surgery. It was originally thought he would miss the 1996 season, but his rehabilitation has progressed rapidly. Either way, senior Henri Crockett has the talent and experience needed at outside linebacker. Senior Vernon Crawford is first in line to replace the departed Todd Rebol at bandit linebacker.

All four starters return in the secondary along with a host of talented backups. Senior Byron Capers and junior Samari Rolle are back at the corners, but they must hold off sophomores Mario Edwards and Troy Saunders. Senior Sean Hamlet returns at free safety and will be pushed by talented sophomore Sean Key, with junior Robert Hammond at strong safety.

Senior Scott Bentley is in his fourth year as the No. 1 placekicker, and senior Sean Liss was one of the nation's top punters (43.9-yard average, more than five yards better than in 1994).

Feaster is the main return man with an 18.5-yard average on kickoff returns and 12.6 on punts a year ago. Preston actually did better bringing back kickoffs (20.8 yards per return).

Mark it down: another ACC crown for the Seminoles, 10 wins or more for a 10th straight season, a 10th straight top-four finish and probably a 12th consecutive bowl victory.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (7)

SE	19	E.G. Green (Jr., 2); 89 Wayne Messam (Sr., 3)
ST	70	Tra Thomas (Jr., 2); Keith McMahon (Jr., 0)
SG	65	Chad Bates (Sr., 3); 68 Jason Whitaker (Fr., 0)
C	51	Kevin Long (Jr., 2); 57 Eric Thomas (Fr., 0)
TG	76	Walter Jones (Jr., 0); 78 Marcus Long (Sr., 3)
TT	71	Todd Fordham (Sr., 3); Jason Boyer (Fr., 0)
TE	81	Melvin Pearsall (Jr., 2); 83 Kamari Charlton (Sr., 2)
QB	12	Thad Busby (Jr., 2); 10 Dan Kendra (Fr., 0)
FB	22	Pooh Bear Williams (Jr., 2); 32 Khalid Abdullah (So., 1)
TB	28	Warrick Dunn (Sr., 3); 24 Rock Preston (Jr., 2)
FL	1	Andre Cooper (Sr., 3); 9 Peter Warrick (Fr., 0)
PK	3	Scott Bentley (Sr., 3)

### DEFENSE (7)

DE	55	Reinard Wilson (Sr., 3); 99 Larry Smith (Fr., 0)
DT	96	Connell Spain (Sr., 3); 95 Julian Pittman (Jr., 2)
NG	85	Andre Wadsworth (Jr., 2); 75 Billy Rhodes (Fr., 0)
DE	58	Peter Boulware (Jr., 2); 90 Greg Spires (Jr., 2)
OLB	45	Henri Crockett (Sr., 3); 40 Lamont Green (So., 1)
MLB	44	Daryl Bush (Jr., 2); 52 Demetrio Stephens (So., 1)
OLB	47	Vernon Crawford (Sr., 1); 39 Hank Grant (So., 1)
FC	2	Samari Rolle (Jr., 2); 4 Troy Saunders (So., 1)
SS	6	Robert Hammond (Jr., 2); 26 Harold Battles (Sr., 3)
FS	18	Sean Hamlet (Sr., 3); 16 Sean Key (So., 1)
BC	23	Byron Capers (Sr., 2); 38 Mario Edwards (So., 1)
P	29	Sean Liss (Sr., 3)

(Fr.) indicates Freshman; (Jr.) indicates Junior; (Sr.) indicates Senior; (So.) indicates Sophomore; (Unl.) indicates Unlabeled; (Co.) indicates Coaches; (Unl.) indicates Unlabeled



**Head Coach:** Rick Neuheisel  
**1995 Record (Big Eight):** 10-2-0 (5-2-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 2nd Big 12 North

The difference between Colorado and Nebraska wasn't nearly as great as the score might have indicated. "We matched them in intensity. We matched them in speed. We were just unable to match them with execution," Rick Neuheisel said after his team lost to the Cornhuskers 44-21.

Nebraska was nearly perfect in its execution that afternoon in Boulder, Colo. The Huskers didn't lose a fumble and didn't throw an interception (Colorado threw two). And they weren't assessed any penalty yardage, a rare occurrence that drew postgame criticism from Neuheisel — and an official reprimand of Neuheisel by the Big Eight Conference.

That's how Nebraska games have gone for Colorado in recent seasons. The Buffaloes haven't beaten Nebraska since 1990. If they can figure out the Huskers and survive what appears to be one of the nation's toughest schedules, the Buffs could make a run at the national championship. They are experienced and talented, and they have supplemented that experience and talent with another outstanding recruiting class.

Senior Koy Detmer returns at quarterback after being sidelined by a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee in Game 4. Detmer was the nation's leading passer before the injury. In barely 11 quarters last season, he completed 65-of-95 passes for 1,101 yards and eight touchdowns, with only two interceptions. The quarterback play of a healthy Detmer is "as good as it's going to get," according to Neuheisel.

With Detmer's return, junior John Hessler becomes the best backup quarterback in the conference. Hessler broke or tied 12 individual school records in Detmer's absence, including touchdown passes in a season (20). Twice, he threw five touchdown passes in a game (the first against Oklahoma in his first career start), and he finished as the 14th-ranked passer in the NCAA.

The Buffaloes' three-wideout, one-back attack ranked first in the conference and eighth nationally in passing offense last season and was complemented nicely by the running game. Herchell Troutman was the starter in what the Colorado sports information office nicknamed the "Thoroughbred Trio." Troutman led the Buffaloes in rushing with 826 yards and five touchdowns.

Lendon Henry ran for 463 yards and four scores. And Marlon Barnes, the No. 3 tailback, had 444 yards and a team-high six rushing touchdowns. Troutman, Henry and Barnes all are juniors.

After Nebraska overwhelmed Florida in the Fiesta Bowl, Cornhusker defensive backs coach George Darlington answered a question about the Gators' speed at wide receiver. "Quite frankly, I thought Colorado had more speed than Florida," he said. And Colorado's receivers all return, headed up by All-Big Eight senior Rae Carruth, a sprinter on the Buffaloes' track team (he runs the 40-yard dash in 4.17). Carruth



caught 53 passes for 1,008 yards and nine touchdowns last season. Junior Phil Savoy, the team's second-fastest player at 4.35, and senior James Kidd (4.37) also return after combining for 72 catches and over 1,000 yards. Senior tight end Matt Lepsis was among the Buffaloes' most-improved players last season.

The only offensive starters Colorado lost were in the line, at center and guard. Senior Kyle Smith has moved from tackle to fill the vacancy at the guard opposite senior All-America candidate Chris Naeole, a unanimous All-Big Eight selection a year ago. Senior Kris Soden takes over at center with juniors Melvin Thomas and Andrew Welsh at the tackles.

Senior Greg Jones heads up Colorado's defen-

sive front at one end, with sophomore Nick Ziegler moving up at the other end.

Junior Ryan Olson returns at nose tackle. Junior Viliami Maumau will be the other starting tackle, after spending last season as Olson's backup. Maumau started one game and played more snaps than any other defensive backup.

The top seven linebackers on the Cotton Bowl depth chart return, led by senior Matt Russell, a unanimous first-team all-conference selection, in the middle. "Matt might not be as athletic as some of the guys we've had here, but he's all heart," says linebackers coach Brian Cabral. "He plays with a lot of emotion, and he plays hard from start to finish. Every coach enjoys having a guy like him to coach."

Russell is flanked by sophomore Hannibal Navies on the weak side and junior Ron Merker-son on the strong side. Merker-son was among Colorado's most improved defensive players.

Two Cotton Bowl starters are gone from the secondary, but senior cornerback Dalton Simmons returns after missing last season because of a knee injury suffered in the 1995 Fiesta Bowl game. Simmons was a starter before the injury. He'll join senior free safety Steve Rosga and senior cornerback Kenny Wilkins. Junior Ryan Black will open at strong safety. He had 15 tackles in the Nebraska game.

Junior Jason Lesley will handle all of the place-kicking duties after being used primarily for kick-offs last season. Junior Andy Mitchell returns as the punter. Despite having five blocked last season, Mitchell still averaged 39.8 yards per punt. Junior Ryan Sutter, a defensive back, was the Buffaloes' most active special teams player a year ago.

Rosga and Carruth again will return punts. Rosga ranked third in the Big Eight last season, averaging 10.1 yards on 16 returns. Troutman and Henry were the top kickoff returners.

Colorado could stand to improve in the special teams area. The Buffaloes ranked fifth in the conference in both punt returns and kickoff returns, and they were last (and 94th nationally) in net punting.

Colorado finishes the season in a showcase matchup against Nebraska at Lincoln. The game likely will decide the Big 12's Northern Division championship and earn the winner a trip to St. Louis to play the Southern Division champion on Dec. 7. It also could have national championship implications.

Even though the transition from Bill McCartney to Neuheisel went smoothly, the Buffaloes are bound to benefit from a season's worth of experience under their youthful, 35-year-old leader. In Neuheisel's first season as a head coach, Colorado went 10-2, including a 38-6 victory over Oregon in the Cotton Bowl.

Neuheisel's philosophy proved to be as sound as that of his predecessor. "We try to attack on defense to get the other offense going backward and get our offense back on the field," he says.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (10)

WR	21	Rae Carruth (Sr., 3); 6 Darrin Chlaverini (So., 1)
WR	2	James Kidd (Sr., 3); 18 Chris Anderson (Jr., 2)
LT	74	Andrew Welsh (Jr., 1); 70 Ben Nichols (Jr., 0)
LG	52	Kyle Smith (Sr., 2); 63 Corey Kish (Fr., 0)
C	51	Kris Soden (Sr., 1); 50 Adam Reed (So., 0)
RG	65	Chris Naeole (Sr., 3); 69 Chan Moody (So., 1)
RT	78	Melvin Thomas (Jr., 1); 75 Aaron Wade (Jr., 1)
TE	88	Matt Lepsis (Sr., 3); 41 Tennyson McCarty (Jr., 2)
WR	80	Phil Savoy (Jr., 2); 4 Robert Toler (Fr., 0)
QB	14	Koy Detmer (Sr., 3); 7 John Hessler (Jr., 1)
TB	5	Herchell Troutman (Jr., 2); 39 Lendon Henry (Jr., 2)
PK	12	Jason Lesley (Jr., 1)

### DEFENSE (6)

DE	59	Greg Jones (Sr., 3); 48 Terrell Cade (So., 1)
NT	55	Ryan Olson (Jr., 2); 99 Stacy Patterson (Jr., 1)
DT	77	Viliami Maumau (Jr., 2); 90 Aaron Marshall (So., 1)
DE	76	Nick Ziegler (So., 1); 54 Jeff Nabholz (Sr., 2)
WLB	8	Hannibal Navies (So., 1); 91 Mike Phillips (Jr., 2)
MLB	16	Matt Russell (Sr., 3); 44 Clifton Peters (So., 1)
SLB	33	Ron Merker-son (Jr., 2); 46 Brandon Southward (So., 1)
LCB	20	Kenny Wilkins (Sr., 3); 4 Elton Davis (Jr., 2)
SS	6	Ryan Black (Jr., 2); 45 Maurice Henriques (Sr., 2)
FS	15	Steve Rosga (Sr., 3); 36 Ryan Sutter (Jr., 1)
CB	7	Dalton Simmons (Sr., 3); 37 Marcus Washington (So., 1)
P	28	Andy Mitchell (Jr., 2)

(A) Indicates All-Americans or Previews All-Americans  
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**Head Coach:****1995 Record (SEC):****1996 Pick:****Steve Spurrier****12-1-0 (9-0-0)****2nd SEC East**

**A** record 12 victories. A third straight Southeastern Conference title. A berth in the school's first national championship game. Make no mistake, Florida ventured into uncharted territory in 1995. Which made the night of Jan. 2 in Tempe, Ariz., all the more painful.

Sad and unfair as it may seem, when the Gators exited the most illustrious season in the program's history, the images that came to mind weren't of breathtaking victories. Instead, the lasting visions were of Nebraska option quarterback Tommie Frazier and I-back Lawrence Phillips tearing through the Florida defense to the tune of 629 total yards, 524 rushing, and of Cornhusker linebacker Jamel Williams running free through the Gators' offensive line and smothering Danny Wuerffel for a ridiculously easy safety, one of seven sacks in an embarrassing 62-24 throttling in the Fiesta Bowl.

"Not a day goes by," senior strong safety Lawrence Wright says, "that I don't think about that game."

"We know we lost a lot of respect around the country," Spurrier says. "Now, we have to earn it back. I fully expect us to come back stronger. I think the Fiesta Bowl was a wake-up call for us."

What Florida learned was that it needed to get stronger physically and that defense, not finesse-style passing, wins national titles.

There is no better quarterback situation in the country than in Gainesville. Last year, Danny Wuerffel set an NCAA record for pass-efficiency rating (178.4), an SEC record for touchdown passes (35) and placed third in the Heisman Trophy balloting. With Wuerffel setting the table for so many lopsided victories, backup Eric Kresser played in nine games and started one, throwing for a school single-game record 458 yards and six touchdowns. Kresser finished second in the league in pass-efficiency rating (164.2). Both Wuerffel and Kresser are seniors.

Junior tailback Elijah Williams led the team in rushing (858 yards, SEC-best 7.5 yards per carry) despite starting just seven games due to an ankle injury. Sophomore Terry Jackson (780 yards) started the rest but missed time with a shoulder injury. Junior Fred Taylor (281 yards) pounded out 873 yards and eight touchdowns as a true freshman in '94 only to suffer a knee injury last fall.

Seniors Jerome Evans and Dwayne Mobley split time at fullback, their duties almost exclusively confined to blocking.

Junior wideout Ike Hilliard tallied 57 catches for 1,008 yards and 15 scores. In junior Reidel Anthony, sophomore Jacques Green and impact redshirt freshman Jamie Richardson, the Gators have more standouts.

At tight end, seniors Tremayne Allen and Shawn Nunn, and junior Taras Ross, combined for 19 receptions.

Depth on the offensive line is a concern.

**Danny Wuerffel**

Mike Moore

Florida loses unanimous All-America tackle Jason Odom and guard Reggie Green, who were four-year starters. But center Jeff Mitchell and guard Donnie Young, both seniors, along with sophomore Mo Collins, who will switch from right to left tackle to replace Odom, are outstanding. Sophomore Zach Piller, a talented transfer from Georgia Tech, will battle for the right tackle spot. Green's vacated left guard position is up for grabs, with junior Elijah Brown, sophomore Deac Story and redshirt freshman Ryan Kalich figuring in the first-team mix.

For the second year in a row, the Gators must replace three starting defensive linemen, but unlike last season, they won't be trying to fill the shoes of two No. 1 draft choices.

**depth chart****OFFENSE (9)**

WR	15	Reidel Anthony (Jr., 2); 12 Jacques Green (So., 1)
WR	19	Ike Hilliard (Jr., 2); 12 Jacques Green (So., 1)
LT	79	Mo Collins (So., 1); 70 Cooper Carlisle (Fr., 0)
LG	51	Ryan Kalich (Fr., 0); 72 Deac Story (So., 1)
C	71	Jeff Mitchell (Sr., 3); 62 Corey Yarbrough (Fr., 0)
RG	75	Donnie Young (Sr., 3); 68 Elijah Brown (Jr., 0)
RT	69	Zach Piller (So., 0); 73 Pat Browning (So., 0)
TE	91	Tremayne Allen (Sr., 1); 80 Shawn Nunn (Sr., 3)
QB	7	Danny Wuerffel (Sr., 3); 10 Eric Kresser (Sr., 3)
FB	34	Jerome Evans (Sr., 2); 23 Dwayne Mobley (Sr., 3)
TB	25	Elijah Williams (Jr., 2); 21 Fred Taylor (Jr., 2)
PK	14	Bart Edmiston (Sr., 2)

**DEFENSE (7)**

LE	93	Tim Beauchamp (So., 1); 56 Cameron Davis (Sr., 3)
LT	94	Ed Chester (So., 1); 90 Mike Moten (Jr., 2)
RT	92	Reggie McGrew (Fr., 0); 66 Keith Council (Jr., 2)
RE	55	Willie Cohens (So., 1); 54 Willie Rodgers (Jr., 1)
MLB	58	Johnny Rutledge (So., 1); 41 Keith Kelsey (Fr., 0)
SLB	44	James Bates (Sr., 3); 41 Keith Kelsey (Fr., 0)
WC	29	Mike Peterson (So., 1); 42 Jevon Kearse (Fr., 0)
SC	24	Fred Weary (Jr., 2); 2 Shea Showers (Sr., 3)
SS	9	Anthony Lott (Sr., 3); 5 Ronnie Battle (Jr., 1)
FS	33	Lawrence Wright (Sr., 3); 27 Demetric Jackson (Sr., 3)
P	87	Teako Brown (So., 1); 13 Mike Harris (Jr., 2)
		Robby Stevenson (So., 1)

(Fr.) indicates Freshman; (So.) Sophomore; (Jr.) Junior; (Sr.) Senior.  
 Bold indicates returning starters.  
 Number after class indicates letters won.

Senior defensive end Cameron Davis is the most experienced of those returning, but he needs to develop consistency and avoid academic woes. Sophomores Tim Beauchamp and Willie Cohens could be the starting ends. Sophomore Ed Chester and, when healthy, junior Keith Council played key roles at tackle. Junior Mike Moten and redshirt freshmen Reggie McGrew and Ernie Badeaux bear watching.

Johnny Rutledge, a sophomore, is the prime candidate at one outside linebacker. On the inside, senior James Bates is coming off far-and-away the best season (75 tackles, two fumble recoveries, one interception) of an injury-plagued career. He excels in pass coverage. Sophomore Mike Peterson joined Rutledge on the SEC's All-Freshman Team in '95.

Normally an area of liability, Florida's secondary became one of dependability last season. Senior Anthone Lott, coming off an All-SEC campaign, and junior Fred Weary, a playmaker, return on the corners. Senior Shea Showers and junior Ronnie Battle are capable backups, with sophomore Tony George and redshirt freshman Damian Hill, both former Parade All-Americans, ready to step up.

Strong safety Lawrence Wright (team-high 109 tackles) joined Lott on the All-SEC team. Free safety will be a battle among senior Demetric Jackson, junior Mike Harris and sophomore Teako Brown.

Bart Edmiston, senior placekicker, set an NCAA record with 71 extra points. He tried only 12 field goals, making just six. Sophomore Robby Stevenson was called on for an SEC-low 33 punts and averaged 38.3 yards.

As for the other facets of the kicking game, Florida has been outstanding in coverages the last two seasons but must do so this year minus fiery special teams coordinator Ron Zook, who left for the Pittsburgh Steelers. The Gators blocked four punts in '95 and also returned two kickoffs for touchdowns, including one in the Fiesta Bowl, both by Anthony.

Once again, the Gators begin a season — as they have the previous three — as legitimate national championship contenders.

Given Florida's remarkable success at home — Spurrier is 35-2 at The Swamp, including a 20-1 mark vs. the SEC — the team's postseason fate will more than likely be determined in just the third game, the Sept. 21 conference opener at Tennessee. Should the Gators escape victorious (Florida has won three straight against the Volunteers), they'll almost certainly be favored in the seven games leading up to that annual regular-season-ending bloodbath with Florida State, this time in Tallahassee.

Win or lose against the Seminoles, the Gators have had the SEC Championship Game to fall back on the last four years. A win in Knoxville could make them the first team in SEC history to win four straight outright league titles.



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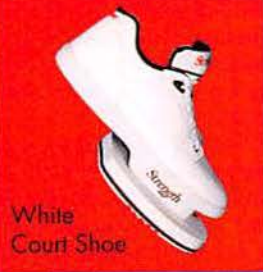
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**Head Coach:** Lloyd Carr  
**1995 Record (Big Ten):** 9-4-0 (5-3-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 1st Big Ten

Lloyd Carr's first game as a college head coach should have told him what kind of year it was going to be. His Michigan Wolverines trailed Virginia 17-0 in the fourth quarter, and the Michigan Stadium crowd was booing. What transpired was the greatest comeback in the school's football history, with the Wolverines prevailing 18-17 on a touchdown as time expired.

That game set the pattern for an up-and-down 1995 season. Michigan swatted Illinois in Champaign the next weekend but five weeks later lost to Northwestern at home, then blew a late lead in a loss to intrastate rival Michigan State. The Wolverines bounced back, however, and shocked No. 2-ranked Ohio State 31-23, denying their bitter rival a Rose Bowl berth and a shot at the national championship.

In many ways, it was an exhilarating autumn for Carr, who had the "interim" label removed from his title before the Nov. 18 Penn State game. Twelve of his players were named to the coaches' All-Big Ten first and second teams. But the final result — a third-place conference finish (tied with Penn State at 5-3), an Alamo Bowl loss to Texas A&M and a 9-4 overall record — didn't qualify for scrapbooks among the Wolverine faithful.

"We did have a season to be proud of, but it's not a season we're satisfied with," Carr says. "Our goal was to win the Big Ten title. We didn't do that, and we have no excuses."

As a longtime assistant at Michigan, Carr understands the pressure he faces is extreme. On many campuses, they'd celebrate a team that has won 25 games in the last three years. Not in Ann Arbor.

"Two losses (in a season) may be acceptable, depending on who we lose to," says athletic director Joe Roberson. "Three is rarely going to be a good season. Four is bad."

Carr is a true-blue "Michigan man," a native of the state who served 15 years as an assistant under Bo Schembechler and Gary Moeller. His first task is to restore Michigan as a Big Ten power. The Wolverines haven't been to the Rose Bowl in three years, their longest absence in a decade. In the last two seasons, their combined record against principal conference rivals Ohio State, Michigan State and Penn State is a meager 2-4.

"I will not rest and I will not be satisfied until we are in Pasadena and are the Rose Bowl champions," Carr declares.

The big news in spring drills was the return of sophomore quarterback Scott Dreisbach, who didn't play after spraining his thumb a month into the '95 season. A classic drop-back passer who set school records for attempts (52) and yards (372) in the opener against Virginia, Dreisbach fired the game-winning touchdown pass on the final play. He completed 52.8 percent of his throws before being injured. Dreisbach won't be handed the starting job, however. Junior Brian Griese, son of NFL Hall of Famer Bob Griese,



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performed capably (54.9 percent completions, 11 touchdowns).

The Wolverines will miss tailback Tshimanga Biakabutuka, whose 313 rushing yards against Ohio State represent the second-highest single-game output in school history. But Michigan is, as usual, loaded with capable ball carriers. The man to watch is sophomore Clarence Williams, the leading returnee (191 yards). Williams will be pushed by junior Chris Howard, who rushed for 175 yards and caught two touchdown passes. At fullback, junior Chris Floyd is back as the starter.

The receiving corps is an area of concern. In fact, the Wolverines are so thin they gave a spring tryout to Dugan Fife, a guard on the school's basketball team.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (5)

WR	86	Tai Streets (So., 1); 4 Anthony Williams (Jr., 1)
LT	77	Jon Jansen (So., 1); 72 John Partchenko (Jr., 2)
LG	51	Damon Denson (Sr., 3); 78 Noah Parker (So., 1)
C	52	Rod Payne (Sr., 3); 54 Joe Ries (Jr., 1)
RG	54	Joe Ries (Jr., 1); 78 Noah Parker (So., 1)
RT	68	Zach Adami (Jr., 2); 75 Thomas Guynes (Sr., 3)
TE	80	Jerame Tuman (So., 1); 82 Mark Campbell (So., 1)
WR	4	Anthony Williams (Jr., 1); 1 Tyrone Butterfield (So., 1)
QB	12	Scott Dreisbach (So., 1); 14 Brian Griese (Jr., 1)
FB	7	Chris Floyd (Jr., 2); 36 Aaron Shea (Fr., 0)
TB	8	Chris Howard (Jr., 2); 33 Clarence Williams (So., 1)
PK	19	Remy Hamilton (Sr., 2)

### DEFENSE (8)

DE	81	Glen Steele (Jr., 2); 55 Rasheed Simmons (So., 1)
DT	53	Ben Huff (Jr., 2); 91 Josh Williams (Fr., 0)
NT	96	William Carr (Sr., 3); 56 Rob Ranes (Fr., 0)
DE	90	Juacuin Feazell (So., 1); 95 Pat Kratus (Fr., 0)
OLB	6	David Bowens (So., 1); 57 Chris Singletary (So., 1)
ILB	37	Jarrett Irons (Sr., 3); 43 Clint Copenhaver (So., 1)
ILB	93	Sam Sword (So., 1); 44 Rob Swett (Jr., 2)
SCB	23	Woodrow Hankins (Sr., 3); 17 Clarence Thompson (Sr., 3)
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SS	17	Clarence Thompson (Sr., 3); 27 Steve King (Sr., 3)
WCB	2	Charles Woodson (So., 1); 30 Andre Weathers (So., 1)
P	99	Paul Peristeris (Sr., 1)

(R) Indicates Returner or Returner Shortage  
 (S) Indicates Sophomore  
 (Jr.) Indicates Junior  
 (Sr.) Indicates Senior  
 (Fr.) Indicates Freshman  
 (So.) Indicates Sophomore

Gone are Michigan's top three receivers — outstanding wideouts Mercury Hayes and Amani Toomer, and rugged tight end Jay Riemersma — and the top returning receiver is fullback Floyd.

But the coaches have been impressed with a pair of sophomores: Tai Streets, who played in seven games last year, and Tyrone Butterfield, who played in eight. Also in the mix is junior Anthony Williams. At tight end, sophomore Jerame Tuman is working to overcome a knee injury.

Michigan has perhaps the best center in the nation in senior Rod Payne, who was named to the coaches' All-Big Ten squad. Michigan lost standout right guard Joe Marinaro and All-Big Ten left tackle Jon Runyan, who left a year early to enter the NFL draft. Offensive line returnees include junior Zach Adami, senior Damon Denson and sophomore Jon Jansen.

According to Northwestern coach Gary Barnett, the Wolverines possess "probably the best defense I've seen since I've been in the Big Ten. They're very aggressive." That's high praise coming from a man whose team led the nation in scoring defense.

Michigan ranked No. 1 in the Big Ten (11th nationally) in total defense in 1995, allowing just 286 yards per game. A big reason was the front wall, three members of which return: junior Glen Steele, sophomore Rasheed Simmons and senior William Carr. Sophomore Juacuin Feazell and junior Ben Huff move up to starting assignments.

The linebacking unit is anchored by all-conference selection Jarrett Irons, a senior who led the team with 118 tackles. The rest of the corps lacks seasoning, but several players have shown promise, including sophomores Sam Sword, David Bowens and Clint Copenhaver.

Michigan conceded only nine touchdown passes last year, the fewest by any Big Ten team except Northwestern. But the Wolverines yielded too many completions (opponents hit on 56 percent of their attempts). With eight lettermen returning in the secondary, the coaches hope that will change. The leader is senior strong safety Clarence Thompson, who had off-season shoulder surgery. He'll get plenty of help from senior free safety Chuck Winters, sophomore cornerback Charles Woodson, the 1995 Big Ten Freshman of the Year, and senior corner Woodrow Hankins.

Senior Remy Hamilton needs only a dozen field goals to equal Mike Gillette's school record of 57. Punting chores will be handled by senior Paul Peristeris.

The Wolverines ranked last in the league in kickoff returns with an anemic 15.4-yard average.

Michigan has lost nine conference games in three years after suffering only seven defeats from 1985-92. The Wolverines are no longer dominant, but with a veteran defense, they could contend for the Rose Bowl. As always, Michigan faces one of the nation's toughest schedules, with trips to Colorado and Northwestern and a season-ending double-dip against Penn State and Ohio State.



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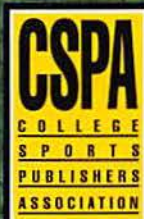
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**Head Coach:** John Robinson  
**1995 Record (Pac-Ten):** 9-2-1 (6-1-1)  
**1996 Pick:** 1st Pac-10

**U**pon his reincarnation as Southern California's coach three years ago, John Robinson told Trojan alumni that a Rose Bowl was just around the corner.

That corner was turned last season.

Robinson also told them that beating UCLA and Notre Dame was just a matter of time, and that the time would be short. USC immediately put up billboards around Los Angeles, letting Notre Dame know what was coming.

But what has come has been a five-year losing streak against UCLA and 13 seasons of futility against the Irish.

How bad has it gotten? After the regular season and before a Rose Bowl victory over Northwestern, *The Daily Trojan*, the school newspaper, called for Robinson's ouster.

Three seasons, two Pacific-10 championships, shared or won outright. What does it take at USC?

"We've failed to beat our two main rivals, so it's clear we have some more work to do," says Robinson.

A year ago, Robinson, whose Trojans were 9-2-1, may have had too much of a good thing with Brad Otton and Kyle Wachholtz sharing time under center. Now, with Wachholtz gone, his concern is whether Otton can finish what he starts. He completed 130-of-212 regular-season passes for 1,532 yards as a junior, with 12 touchdowns and just four interceptions. Otton holds an NCAA record, having thrown 202 regular-season passes without a theft. Behind him are inexperienced senior Matt Koffler and a pair of redshirt freshmen.

USC has enough tailbacks to stock a league, and chief among them is junior Delon Washington (220 carries for 1,058 yards and five touchdowns in '95). Though it might be hard to believe, Washington is the first 1,000-yard rusher since 1990 at Tailback U. Most of those yards were gained after the third game of the season and after Shawn Walters was declared ineligible for involvement with an agent. Walters, a senior, is back, and he will be eligible after the third game.

Much of Rodney Sermons' time will probably be spent at fullback, where the junior is a crunching blocker and can catch the ball (12 receptions, 86 yards).

How do you replace All-American Keyshawn Johnson? With numbers. Junior Larry Parker (24 catches, 265 yards) will again start at one wide-out, and Johnson's cousin, senior Chris Miller (18-165), at the other. Add Billy Miller, a prep All-American now a sophomore, and three incoming prep All-Americans and the Trojans are well-stocked on the flanks.

Besides losing Johnson's outside work, the USC quarterbacks had two catch-happy tight ends in Johnny McWilliams and Tyler Cashman, both gone. In their place is senior John Allred, "a punishing blocker," Robinson says.

Five seniors started on the offensive line for the



Brad Otton

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Rose Bowl game, which means five less-experienced players will line up in their places against Penn State in the Kickoff Classic on Aug. 25. Junior Chris Brymer is back from academic exile and should start at one guard spot. The other will be contested between sophomore David Pratchard and junior Phalen Pounds, who landed in Robinson's doghouse after missing a meeting before the Rose Bowl. Junior Jonathan Himebauch will set up at center, and the tackles will be sophomores Rome Douglas and Ken Bowen, whose 6-8, 320-pound frame prompted a switch from tight end.

Without a true nose guard, USC will go to a 4-3 defensive alignment, built around dominant tackles Matt Keneley, a senior, and Darrell Russell, a 320-pound junior. Willie Lowery returns for his

third season as a starter at one end, and junior George Perry, a converted nose guard, will line up at the other. Often-injured Junior Rickman, a junior, and sophomore Lawrence Larry provide depth.

With three '95 starters at linebacker gone, the Trojans have moved senior Sammy Knight from defensive back to linebacker. The 195-pound Knight has the instincts of a hitter and recorded 89 tackles last fall. He'll play like a rover to confound offenses.

"Sammy is driven to compete," says secondary coach Dennis Thurman, who played with All-American and later All-Pro Ronnie Lott in the Trojan defensive backfield. "It's his passion, just as it was for Ronnie here."

Sophomore outside linebacker Mark Cusano tied for fourth on the team with 50 tackles and appears ready to step in as a starter. The all-

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important middle linebacker spot will be contested among junior Taso Papadakis, who missed last season because of a knee injury, sophomore Bob Aubrey, junior Mark Farlin and highly touted incoming freshman Chris Claiborne.

USC gave up only six passing touchdowns in 1995. Chief among the reasons was the cornerback play of sophomore Daylon McCutcheon, and senior Brian Kelly. With Knight moving forward a bit in the alignment, Kelly shifts to safety, joining junior Grant Pearsall. Senior Quincy Harrison and sophomore Ken Haslip will battle for playing time at the other corner.

Sophomore kicker Adam Abrams was injured early last season, but when he returned, he provided just what the Trojans needed, successfully converting 4-of-5 regular-season field-goal tries. His longest was a 46-yarder in the Rose Bowl. Sophomore Adam Rendon, who hit 4-of-7 attempts, will continue to press Abrams.

Junior Jim Wren is the top punting candidate.

Chris Miller will again handle kickoff returns. He ran back 12 last fall for a 23.8-yard average. Parker rolled up a 9.2-yard average returning punts. McCutcheon could get some playing time in this area, too.

USC must grow up quickly to face a schedule that begins with games against Penn State, in East Rutherford, N.J., and at Illinois before taking on Oregon State at home and Houston on the road.

"We need our defense to play well enough to let our offensive line mature," Robinson says. "And on offense, we need balance. We have to be able to run the football."

If those things occur, a second straight Pac-10 title and another trip to the Rose Bowl will be the rewards.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (3)

LT	78	Rome Douglas (So., 1); 68 Brent McCaffrey (Fr., 0)
LG	67	Chris Brymer (Jr., 1); 72 Dong Koo (Sr., 1)
C	70	Jonathan Himebauch (Jr., 2); 63 Mark Manskar (Fr., 0)
RG	62	David Pratchard (So., 1); 61 Matt McShane (Fr., 0)
RT	74	Ken Bowen (So., 1); 79 Grant Boelter (Jr., 0)
TE	89	John Allred (Sr., 3); 84 Jeff Diltz (Sr., 2)
WR	80	Larry Parker (Jr., 2); 8 Billy Miller (So., 1)
QB	10	Brad Otton (Sr., 2); 13 Matt Koffler (Sr., 2)
FB	5	Rodney Sermons (Jr., 2); 39 Marvin Powell (So., 1)
TB	24	Delon Washington (Jr., 2); Shawn Walters (Sr., 3)
WR	2	Chris Miller (Sr., 1); 6 Tony Griffin (Fr., 0)
PK	19	Adam Abrams (So., 1)

### DEFENSE (7)

DE	91	Willie Lowery (Sr., 3); 57 Aaron Williams (Fr., 0)
DT	96	Darrell Russell (Jr., 2); 97 Cedric Jefferson (Jr., 2)
DT	92	Matt Keneley (Sr., 3); 93 Anthony Sanford (Sr., 0)
DE	94	George Perry (Jr., 2); 45 Greg Tellam (Sr., 1)
LB	4	Mark Cusano (So., 1); 56 Lawrence Larry (So., 1)
LB	40	Bob Aubrey (So., 1); 44 Mark Farlin (Sr., 1)
LB	9	Sammy Knight (Sr., 3); 34 Ryan Tyiska (Jr., 2)
CB	1	Daylon McCutcheon (So., 1); 14 Prentice Hill (So., 1)
SS	43	Grant Pearsall (Jr., 2); 8 Rashard Cook (So., 1)
FS	42	Brian Kelly (Jr., 2); 25 Mike Bastianelli (So., 1)
CB	16	Quincy Harrison (Sr., 2); 26 Ken Haslip (So., 1)
P	17	Jim Wren (Jr., 0)

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**Head Coach:** John Mackovic  
**1995 Record (SWC):** 10-2-1 (7-0-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 1st Big 12 South

Following their first outright conference title in five years and just prior to their setback in the Sugar Bowl, the Texas Longhorns received plenty of unwanted national exposure for having an ineligible player on the squad. This year, the Longhorns again figure to attract plenty of national attention during the bowl season. This time, however, the national spotlight should be shining on an imposing roster instead of a roster impostor. Rest assured, the 1996 Longhorns certainly look like the real deal.

"You look at their roster, and it's awfully impressive," says Texas Tech coach Spike Dykes. "Everything seems to be in place for Texas."

Indeed, the Longhorns return enough firepower to establish peace in the Middle East. Texas returns 14 starters, including Southwest Conference Offensive Player of the Year James Brown, Newcomer of the Year Shon Mitchell, Freshman of the Year Ricky Williams and seven consensus all-conference performers.

"There are a lot of little questions to be answered and some real big questions, particularly in the offensive and defensive lines," says Texas coach John Mackovic. "But overall, we're very excited about the makeup of this team."

Unlike the legendary singer who shares the same name, junior quarterback Brown hasn't had many reasons recently to shout out, "I feel good." Brown was slowed by an ankle injury late last season and was hampered all year by ligament problems in his right (throwing) shoulder. Nevertheless, Brown, who missed spring practice to rehabilitate his shoulder, managed to finish 22nd nationally in total offense (234.8 per game). He is the Big 12's top returning total offense performer, one of the premier run-pass quarterbacks in the country, and if he stays healthy, the Longhorns' offense is extremely dangerous.

"I have to tip my hat to James Brown," says Texas A&M linebacker Keith Mitchell. "He was hurt (last year against A&M) and still made the plays they needed to win. He's tough."

The Horns are thin behind Brown, with sophomore Richard Walton and redshirt freshman Marty Cherry the top reserves.

Texas lacks depth in some areas, but definitely not at running back. The Mitchell-Williams duo was the second-most productive rushing combination in Longhorn history (2,089 yards, 18 touchdowns) and led Texas to a No. 22 national ranking in rushing. Mitchell is a senior, Williams a sophomore. Last year, Mitchell became the first Longhorn since Eric Metcalf in 1987 to rush for over 1,000 yards in a season, and Williams, who missed the spring to play professional baseball, drew comparison to Earl Campbell for his bullish style. Senior Priest Holmes, the 1994 Sun Bowl MVP, sat out last year because of an injury, but he'll be an outstanding backup.

A two-time all-conference player and a semifinalist the last two years for the Biletnikoff Award, elusive wideout Mike Adams is already Texas' all-time leader in career receiving yards (2,090). The



senior flanker's durability and versatility make him one of the Longhorns' most dangerous offensive weapons. Opposite Adams, senior Curtis Jackson, junior Cortney Epps, senior Matt Davis and sophomore Wane McGarity likely will share time at split end. Second team All-American Pat Fitzgerald rounds out the receiving corps at tight end.

The Longhorns lose three offensive line starters from a year ago. On the positive side, however, senior All-American Dan Neil is an Outland Trophy candidate at right guard. Joining Neil as the only other returning starter up front is junior center Ryan Fiebigler. Sophomores Ben Adams, Octavious Bishop and Jay Humphrey are projected as starters. Sophomore Russell Gaskamp

and Travis Wood, junior Brent Kelly and redshirt freshman Keith Frierson should battle for playing time.

Texas' defensive line loses two of three starters, including All-American defensive end Tony Brackens, who led the team in sacks three years running and left early for the NFL draft. Texas has just three returning veterans and will be forced to rely on some incoming freshmen. The good news is that All-SWC junior nose guard Chris Akins returns to gum up the middle for opposing offenses, but he'll have to shoulder a significant burden. Sophomores Gray Mosier and Clarence Martin are the only other lettermen up front. Incoming freshmen Derrick Curry, Will Goodloe, Casey Hampton and Cedric Woodard will compete for playing time immediately.

With the return of starters Tyson King, a senior who led the team in tackling the last two years, and junior Kyle Richardson, Texas is solid at inside linebacker. But with the loss of starters Robert Reed and Jason Reeves, the outside is questionable. King and Richardson have combined to start 39 games the last two seasons. Sophomore Dusty Renfro, who led all SWC freshmen defenders last year with 64 tackles, provides solid depth. Senior Jonathan Hickerson, sophomores Mark Kuper and Michael Boudoin and redshirt freshman Damon Luckett are projected to share time at the outside linebacker spots.

Texas returns all four starting defensive backs, and all four are seniors with three letters apiece. Cornerbacks Bryant Westbrook and Taje Allen, free safety Chris Carter and strong safety Tre Thomas have combined to start 93 games in the last three years. Westbrook and Carter were both consensus all-conference a year ago.

If junior Phil Dawson returns from reconstructive knee surgery, the Longhorns' kicking game is in solid shape. Dawson was outstanding as a sophomore, making four field goals of 50 yards or more, including a 50-yarder into a 20-mph wind to beat Virginia on the final play of the game. Junior Mark Schultis returns as the Longhorns' punter after averaging 40.4 yards and dropping 15 inside the opponents' 20-yard line. Schultis is also a talented placekicker, but true freshman Kris Stockton may prove to be Dawson's top backup.

Adams should handle both kickoff and punt returns, although Carter averaged 11.9 yards per punt return last season, and Jackson averaged 21.6 yards per kickoff return in 1994.

Last year was a breakthrough season for the Longhorns. If they can keep Brown, whose shoulder problem is cause for serious concern, and the offensive and defensive lines from breaking down, '96 could be even better.

Texas has collected its most talented team, especially at the skill positions, in recent history. And with six teams that went to bowl games last year on the Longhorns' schedule, that's not a bad place to begin.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (7)

WR	39	Curtis Jackson (Sr., 3); 7 Cortney Epps (Jr., 0)
LT	75	Octavious Bishop (So., 1); 71 Keith Frierson (Fr., 0)
LG	79	Ben Adams (So., 1); 65 Travis Wood (So., 0)
C	58	Ryan Fiebigler (Jr., 2); 54 Russell Gaskamp (So., 0)
RG	69	Dan Neil (Sr., 3); 54 Russell Gaskamp (So., 0)
RT	67	Jay Humphrey (So., 1); 76 Brent Kelly (Jr., 1)
TE	81	Pat Fitzgerald (Sr., 2); 89 Steve Bradley (Sr., 3)
QB	5	James Brown (Jr., 2); 10 Richard Walton (So., 1)
RB	3	Shon Mitchell (Sr., 3); 8 Wane McGarity (So., 1)
RB	11	Ricky Williams (So., 1); 32 Jeffrey Clayton (Sr., 1)
WR	83	Mike Adams (Sr., 3); 86 Matt Davis (Sr., 2)
PK	4	Phil Dawson (Jr., 2)

### DEFENSE (7)

DE	95	Gray Mosier (So., 1); 54 Corey Davies (Sr., 0)
NG	96	Chris Akins (Jr., 2); 61 Bryon Lloyd (Jr., 0)
DT	90	Clarence Martin (So., 1); 53 Melvin Jenkins (Jr., 0)
OLB	43	Jonathan Hickerson (Sr., 2); 93 Michael Boudoin (So., 1)
SLB	59	Kyle Richardson (Jr., 3); 46 Dusty Renfro (So., 1)
WLB	50	Tyson King (Sr., 3); 55 Anthony Hicks (Fr., 0)
OLB	41	Mark Kuper (So., 0); 92 Damon Luckett (Fr., 0)
RCB	2	Taje Allen (Sr., 3); 31 Tony Holmes (So., 1)
FS	16	Chris Carter (Sr., 3); 18 Cody Danaher (Sr., 3)
SS	17	Tre Thomas (Sr., 3); 25 Robert Crenshaw (Sr., 3)
LCB	30	Bryant Westbrook (Sr., 3); 28 Anton Hector (Fr., 0)
P	15	Mark Schultis (Jr., 1)

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## Head Coach:

Tommy West

## 1995 Record (ACC):

8-4-0 (6-2-0)

## 1996 Pick:

2nd ACC

**T**he Clemson Tigers, road warriors in 1995, will try to keep from becoming roadkill in 1996.

Last year, Clemson was one of eight Division I-A teams to post a perfect regular-season record on the road (5-0). If they repeat that feat in 1996, the sky is the limit.

The Tigers open the season at North Carolina, the first time since 1977 they start out against another Atlantic Coast Conference team. They also must visit the defending ACC co-champions, Florida State and Virginia.

"We are going to have to continue our recent trend of playing well on the road right from the opening kickoff of the season," says Clemson coach Tommy West.

Clemson plays four of its first six games away from Death Valley. Conversely, for the first time ever, four of the final five contests are at home.

The 1995 Tigers won their last five regular-season games but were hammered by Syracuse 41-0 in the Gator Bowl and finished 8-4 overall (6-2 and third in the ACC).

For a change, the offense will have to carry the load until the defense settles in. In 1994, West's first season, Clemson finished last in the ACC in scoring and total offense. After showing dramatic improvement last year, the Tigers are the only team in the ACC to return their starting quarterback. "We showed a lot of improvement offensively last year," West says. "Now we want to take it to another level."

Meanwhile, the Tigers have finished in the top 10 nationally in scoring defense for two years in a row.

"We don't have the experience (on defense) as we do on offense, but we have played more people on defense than offense the last couple of years, so we do have players with experience," West says.

The Tigers return 43 lettermen, including eight starters on offense but only five on defense. They lost both kicking specialists. The offense returns players who accounted for 96 percent of last year's rushing yardage, 95 percent of the passing yards and 88 percent of the receiving yards.

The Tigers completed 56.7 percent of their passes last year, second-best in school history. Junior Nealson Greene, who started every game, did even better, hitting on 116-of-202 (57.4 percent) for 1,537 yards, 10 touchdowns and eight interceptions. It was the finest sophomore season in Clemson history.

The running back positions are secure with 230-pound junior tailback Raymond Priester and senior fullback Emory Smith, Emmitt's kid brother, who weighs in at 242. They were the most prolific backfield tandem in school history, combining for 2,034 yards and 20 touchdowns.

Priester set a Clemson single-season rushing record with 1,322 yards and averaged 5.6 per carry. He also set a single-game record with 263 yards against Duke and was only the second



Raymond Priester

Clemson player since 1967 to lead the ACC in rushing. Smith gained 712 yards, the most by a Clemson fullback since 1983, and scored 15 touchdowns.

The wide receiver corps features explosive senior Antwan Wyatt, who led the Tigers in receiving yards (683), receptions (45), touchdown catches (five), kickoff returns (25.1-yard average) and punt returns (11.9). His average of 118.2 all-purpose yards per game is second-best in Clemson history.

"Antwan Wyatt is one of the most dangerous players in the ACC," West says. "He can beat you many ways. He is elusive on kick returns and in the open field on receptions, but he also has outstanding hands."

## depth chart

## OFFENSE (8)

WR	80 Tony Horne (Jr., 2); 68 Kenya Crooks (Jr., 2)
OT	70 Holland Postell (So., 1); 61 Mark Landry (Jr., 2)
OG	77 Matt Butler (So., 1); 74 Brent Banasiewicz (So., 1)
C	55 Jamie Trimble (Sr., 2); 78 Ed Altman (Jr., 1)
OG	75 Glenn Rountree (Jr., 2); 64 Zane Lewis (So., 1)
OT	79 Jim Bundren (Jr., 2); 68 Joedy Mitchell (Fr., 0)
TE	82 Lamont Hall (Jr., 2); 49 Jason Collins (Jr., 2)
FL	19 Antwan Wyatt (Sr., 3); 2 Joe Woods (Sr., 3)
QB	15 Nealson Greene (Jr., 2); Brandon Streeter (Fr., 0)
FB	18 Emory Smith (Sr., 3); 32 Kelton Duncanson (Sr., 1)
TB	27 Raymond Priester (Jr., 2); 7 Lamont Pegues (Jr., 2)
PK	30 Mike Brice (Jr., 0)

## DEFENSE (5)

OLB	47 Howard Bartley (So., 0); 58 Kendrick Bridges (Fr., 0)
DE	89 Trevor Pryce (Jr., 2); 96 Tony Plantin (Jr., 1)
MG	97 Raymond White (Jr., 2); 95 Bernard Randolph (Sr., 2)
DE	92 Brett Williams (Sr., 3); 87 Eric Bradford (Sr., 1)
OLB	33 Tony DeSue (Sr., 3); 53 Rahim Abdullah (Fr., 0)
ILB	42 Mond Wilson (Jr., 2); 57 Chris Jones (So., 1)
ILB	41 Anthony Simmons (So., 1); 54 John Thompson (So., 0)
CB	9 Dexter McCleon (Sr., 3); 43 Andy Ford (Sr., 3)
SS	28 Andre Carter (Sr., 3); 31 Brad Pope (Sr., 2)
FS	1 Antwan Edwards (So., 1); 10 Michael Allen (So., 1)
CB	29 Peter Ford (Sr., 3); 32 Diamond Ward (So., 1)
P	37 Kevin Laird (So., 0)

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SOLD: Academic Release; Suspend  
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Junior Tony Horne and senior Joe Woods return along with Wyatt, and junior Kenya Crooks also has starting experience.

When Clemson uses a tight end, junior Lamont Hall is the man. He has never caught a pass but is an outstanding blocker.

A big order on offense is finding three new starters up front. The anchors will be junior tackle Jim Bundren and junior guard Glenn Rountree, the first tackle-guard combo ever to start every game in their freshman and sophomore years at Clemson. Senior Jamie Trimble moves up at center. Sophomores Holland Postell and Matt Butler may fill the vacant tackle and guard spots.

Clemson ranked in the top 20 nationally in three defensive categories. The Tigers allowed 16.2 points per game during the regular season and just 9.4 in the last five games. West will have to rebuild the line to maintain those numbers.

Junior Raymond White moves from end to middle guard, where he started twice in 1994. Senior Brett Williams, a linebacker last year, and junior Trevor Pryce, a transfer from Michigan, could solidify the line at end, where junior Tony Plantin and senior Eric Bradford also figure.

Clemson's most decorated player in 1995 was inside linebacker Anthony Simmons, now a sophomore. He led the Tigers with a freshman-record 150 tackles and was named National Rookie of the Year by UPI.

The other inside spot will go to either junior Mond Wilson or sophomore Chris Jones. Wilson made 16 tackles against North Carolina. The outside linebackers will be senior Tony DeSue and sophomore Howard Bartley.

There is an unusual situation in the secondary. "It might be the strength of our defense," West says, "yet we have to replace two of the best players we had on the team in (strong safety Brian) Dawkins and (free safety Leomont) Evans. But we also feel that Andre Carter (senior strong safety) and Antwan Edwards (sophomore free safety) are going to do the job."

The leader of the secondary will be senior cornerback Dexter McCleon, who tied for the conference lead with 13 pass breakups. Seniors Peter and Andy Ford, Clemson's first twin brother combination in a century of football, will square off again at the other corner after combining for 63 tackles and five interceptions a year ago.

Wyatt was the first Clemson player ever to average 25 yards per kickoff return and 12 yards on punt returns in the same season. However, both kickers graduated. Sophomore Kevin Laird handled some pooch punts, but no letterman returns at placekicker. The leading candidates are juniors Mike Brice and David Richardson.

An 8-3 record and another first-division finish are again within reach, particularly if Williams and Pryce can fortify the defensive line. Despite a lack of returning starters, there is a great deal of experience on defense, and the talent level is high.



**Head Coach:** Frank Beamer  
**1995 Record (Big East):** 10-2-0 (6-1-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 1st Big East

For years, finding Virginia Tech, nestled in the sparsely populated hills of southwestern Virginia, was a challenge. The university is still in Blacksburg, but the football team has a new residence: among the nation's elite.

Picked in some quarters a year ago to win the Big East, the Hokies were anything but hokey. After opening with a loss to Boston College and then being shut out by Cincinnati, Virginia Tech turned things around the following week, upsetting Big East rival Miami 13-7.

That started the ball rolling. When the season was over, the team that had gotten less respect than Rodney Dangerfield had a 10-game winning streak and a share of the Big East championship (6-1), an impressive come-from-behind 28-10 thrashing of Texas in the Sugar Bowl and a Top-10 final ranking. That silenced the critics.

"We've got a chance to be a top program year in and year out," coach Frank Beamer said after the Sugar Bowl game. "This kind of makes everything legitimate. We deserved to be here."

This very legitimate team returns 40 of 56 lettermen, including six starters on offense and six from what Beamer terms "a really special defensive team" that led the nation in rushing defense with a 77.4-yard average.

The primary concerns are wide receiver, where both starters graduated, and the defensive line, which lost three of the front four.

Senior Jim Druckenmiller, who at 6-5 and 223 is built more like a linebacker, eliminated last year's quarterback concerns over the loss of Maurice DeShazo by throwing for 2,103 yards and 14 touchdowns. Sophomore Al Clark, an option-type, was the backup but needs to improve his passing accuracy.

Beamer says three-year starting tailback Dwayne Thomas will be tough to replace, but top backup Ken Oxendine, a junior who rushed for 593 yards to Thomas' 673, returns, as does junior Marcus Parker, who played both tailback and fullback and whose average of 5.8 yards per carry was the best of the three. Senior Brian Edmonds will again start at fullback.

The Hokies must replace split end Jermaine Holmes, who caught two touchdown passes in the fourth-quarter comeback that beat Virginia in the regular-season finale, and flanker Bryan Still, who scored two long-range touchdowns — one on a 60-yard punt return — in the Sugar Bowl.

Coaches are counting on senior Cornelius White (22 catches, 312 yards, two touchdowns) and junior Michael Stuewe to step up. In addition, sophomore Angelo Harrison made a name for himself on special teams with three blocked punts. Junior Shawn Scales also returns. Beamer is high on diminutive redshirt freshman Marcus Gildersleeve (5-7, 163), the fastest receiver.

According to Beamer, senior Bryan Jennings has the potential to be the best tight end in Tech history. He caught 23 passes, including six in the



Cornell Brown

Sugar Bowl, and was one of the team's top blockers.

Tony Brackens, Texas' All-America defensive lineman in 1995, called Virginia Tech's offensive line "the best I've ever played against." Three starters return, including a pair of all-star candidates: senior tackle Jay Hagood and senior center Billy Conaty. The other returning starter is junior guard Gennaro DiNapoli. Senior T.J. Washington and sophomores Anthony Kapp and Derek Smith are solid contenders for the other tackle position. Either junior Todd Washington, T.J.'s younger brother, or sophomore Dwight Vick will be the other guard.

The Hokies held Texas to 226 total yards, barely half of the Longhorns' season-long aver-

age. "Their defense and team speed were every bit as good as anyone we played," Texas coach John Mackovic says.

In the defensive front, starting tackles J.C. Price (15 tackles for losses, eight sacks) and Jim Baron are gone, plus top reserve Jeff Holland, along with Hank Coleman and Lawrence Lewis, who shared starting duties at one end. That leaves senior end Cornell Brown as the only returning regular. Since Brown was a consensus All-American and is generally rated Tech's best defender since 1984 Outland Trophy winner Bruce Smith, that's not a bad place to start the rebuilding process. Brown was the Big East's Defensive Player of the Year, had 14 regular-season sacks, three more in the Sugar Bowl and 11 other tackles behind the line of scrimmage.

Junior Danny Wheel is favored to win the end position opposite Brown but will be challenged by redshirt freshman Chris Cyrus. Senior Waverly Jackson, a part-time starter (71 tackles, 18 quarterback pressures), is coming off arthroscopic knee surgery but is a good bet to start at tackle. The nose tackle spot could be manned by junior Brad Baylor, who appears to have shaken a nagging back problem.

Returning on the outside are seniors Brandon Semones, a second-team All-Big East selection who was sidelined in the spring with a lower back injury, and Myron Newsome. The best bets to fill graduated leading tackler George DelRocco's spot are juniors Tony Morrison and Steve Tate, a walk-on who shows promise.

Senior Torrian Gray, a second-team all-conference pick at roverback, probably will move to free safety, as will junior Cody Whipple, last year's third-string quarterback. Junior Korey Irby switches from linebacker to rover, where he will battle sophomore Pierson Prioleau, who saw considerable action at cornerback. Senior Larry Green, a season-long starter, was held out of spring ball to concentrate on academics. He will contest with sophomore Loren Johnson at one corner. Johnson took over when senior Antonio Banks suffered a knee injury.

Sophomore John I. Thomas (38.9-yard average) returns as the punter. Placekicker Atle Larsen, the team's leading scorer, is gone, and the job will go to either redshirt freshman Jim Kibble or incoming freshman Shayne Graham.

Banks returned five kickoffs for a 28.2-yard average last year, and Green was the top punt returner with 23 for a 9.0-yard average.

"In the sports world, it's not so much what you did yesterday but what you're gonna do tomorrow," Beamer says, knowing it's a short plunge from the penthouse to the outhouse. "Every year is certainly not gonna be like this. But if every year you're mentioned up there around the top, that's what I'm shooting for."

"I think we can be a good team. Our goal is to be in the top echelon of the Big East Conference and challenge again for the championship."

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (6)

SE	4	Cornelius White (Sr., 3); 36 Edmund Tan (Jr., 0)
LT	71	Jay Hagood (Sr., 3); 60 Anthony Kapp (So., 1)
LG	75	Todd Washington (Jr., 1); 57 Dwight Vick (So., 0)
C	61	Billy Conaty (Sr., 3); 70 John Matesic (Jr., 0)
RG	64	Gennaro DiNapoli (Jr., 0); 66 Todd Wheatley (So., 0)
RT	76	T.J. Washington (Sr., 2); 74 Derek Smith (So., 0)
TE	81	Bryan Jennings (Sr., 3); 40 Shaine Miles (Sr., 3)
QB	16	Jim Druckenmiller (Sr., 3); 5 Al Clark (So., 1)
TB	28	Ken Oxendine (Jr., 2); 34 Marcus Parker (Jr., 2)
FB	32	Brian Edmonds (Sr., 3); 44 Shelly Ellison (Fr., 0)
FL	31	Michael Stuewe (Jr., 1); 22 Shawn Scales (Jr., 2)
PK	95	Jim Kibble (Fr., 0)

### DEFENSE (6)

DE	58	Cornell Brown (Sr., 3); 53 Jason Buckland (Fr., 0)
DT	98	Waverly Jackson (Sr., 3); 52 William Flowers (Jr., 0)
NT	67	Brad Baylor (Jr., 0); 93 Kerwin Hairston (Jr., 0)
DE	90	Danny Wheel (Jr., 1); 99 Chris Cyrus (Fr., 0)
OLB	21	Brandon Semones (Sr., 3); 2 Tyron Edmond (So., 1)
MLB	8	Tony Morrison (Jr., 2); 49 Steve Tate (Jr., 1)
OLB	55	Myron Newsome (Sr., 1); 46 Jamel Smith (Fr., 0)
LC	12	Loren Johnson (So., 1); 18 Tony Joe (Jr., 1)
FS	14	Torrian Gray (Sr., 3); 11 Cody Whipple (Jr., 0)
ROV	26	Korey Irby (Jr., 2); 20 Pierson Prioleau (So., 1)
RC	7	Larry Green (Sr., 3); 9 Antonio Banks (Sr., 3)
P	3	John I. Thomas (So., 1)

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**Head Coach:** Joe Paterno  
**1995 Record (Big Ten):** 9-3-0 (5-3-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 2nd Big Ten

**W**ho would have thought Penn State's men's basketball team would contend for the Big Ten championship much of last season and the football team wouldn't?

Not that the football season was a washout. The Nittany Lions capped a 9-3 campaign with three straight wins, including a 43-14 blowout of Auburn in the Outback Bowl. But they were eliminated from the Big Ten race in early November after losing 21-10 to eventual champion Northwestern.

The Lions return 33 of 55 lettermen but only four starters on offense, along with eight on defense and both kicking specialists.

"I think we have just about got to start over, particularly on offense," says Joe Paterno, who won at least nine games for the 19th time and brings a record of 278-72-3 into his 31st season at Penn State, a head-coaching career that spans the administrations of seven U.S. presidents.

Paterno has surpassed Alabama's legendary Bear Bryant for most career bowl victories. And notching 46 wins in the next five seasons (9.2 a year) will enable Paterno, who will be 74 at that point, to pass Bryant's mark of 323 wins at the Division I-A level.

A year ago, Paterno had to rebuild the defense. The reverse is true in 1996.

"We have to get a new offensive line," he says. "We have lost all our running backs who played much, and we lost our top two wideouts. Defensively, we are in a little better shape."

I don't really have one priority," he adds. "We just have to build a new football team."

Last fall, Penn State ranked No. 2 in the Big Ten in rushing defense (119.8 yards a game, 3.2 yards per carry) and second in sacks (37). This should be the Lions' best defensive unit since the school joined the Big Ten in 1993.

Offensively, senior quarterback Wally Richardson led the Lions to comeback wins against Texas Tech, Purdue, Iowa and Michigan State, and enjoyed a fine performance against Auburn (13-of-24 passing, 217 yards, four touchdowns, tying a Penn State bowl record). For the season, Richardson was 193-of-335 (57.6 percent) for 2,198 yards and 18 TDs, with only six interceptions. He set school records with 33 completions against Wisconsin and 193 for the season.

"Quarterback is the one position we feel comfortable with," Paterno says.

The rushing attack was racked by the loss of four players who accounted for 1,447 yards and 15 touchdowns, as well as 54 receptions.

However, 231-pound sophomore tailback Curtis Enis, who didn't start a game, was the team's leading rusher with 683 yards (6.0-yard average) and was selected Big Ten Freshman of the Year. Sophomore Chris Eberly also returns.

Junior Jason Sload, a member of the Lions' short-yardage backfield, is the expected fullback.

On the wings, Bobby Ingram and Freddie Scott, who combined for 97 catches, 1,431 yards



Wally Richardson

and 12 touchdowns, will be missed. The top holdovers are junior Joe Jurevicius (13 catches, 199 yards), senior Chris Campbell (six, 87) and sophomore Joe Nastasi, who displayed some of his talent with a pivotal fake-field-goal touchdown run late in the Michigan game.

Senior tight end Keith Olsommer, who caught 23 passes for 197 yards and two touchdowns, has the skills to rank among the Big Ten's best.

The offensive line lost three-year starting guards Jeff Hartings and Marco Rivera, and two-year tackles Andre Johnson and Keith Conlin. Center Barry Tielsch, a senior, was solid in his first year of starting duty.

Seniors Pete Marczyk and Jason Henderson have the most experience at tackle, while senior

Bill Anderson and junior Phil Ostrowski are the top returnees at guard.

On defense, senior Brandon Noble is a two-year starter at tackle and will anchor the line. Junior Matt Fornadel will line up beside him.

"I think we have to get a little better and more consistent tackling out of inside people," Paterno says. "I worry a little bit about our size defensively. We will not be very big around the ball."

Juniors Chris Snyder and Bob Stephenson step into the end slots. Sophomore tackle Floyd Wedderburn, who suffered a season-ending knee injury in August 1995, is expected to be ready.

The linebacking units return intact. Senior inside man Gerald Filardi recorded a team-high 112 tackles in his first season as a starter. Junior Cory Carlson is his backup.

On the outside, juniors Aaron Collins (81 tackles) and Jim Nelson (75) also were first-year starters and showed great promise.

Junior Ahmad Collins (no relation to Aaron) returns after missing last year to concentrate on academics. He and sophomore Darren Oswald will add depth at outside linebacker. Redshirt freshman Brandon Shortt, who broke a bone in his foot the second week of the season, figures in the mix, although he reinjured the foot during the winter and missed spring practice.

Penn State's experienced secondary returns 10 lettermen and has a chance to be among the nation's best. Senior Brian Miller is a two-time All-Big Ten cornerback and led the team with five interceptions a year ago. He also led the league in pass breakups (19) for the second straight year. The other cornerback is senior Mark Tate, who finished second in the Big Ten with 15 pass breakups. Senior free safety Kim Herring also is back.

The hero (strong safety) position has three experienced returnees in seniors Jason Collins (Aaron's brother), Chuck Penzenik and Clint Holes. Collins started the first three games, then suffered a broken leg and missed the spring. Holes also sat out spring drills with injuries.

Cornerbacks Shino Prater (junior), Brad Johnson (sophomore) and Chris Alston (junior), and sophomore safety Shawn Lee also figure in the Lion rotation.

The kicking game returns senior placekicker Brett Conway (7-of-10 field-goal attempts from beyond 40 yards) and senior punter Darrell Kania (37.4-yard average).

Campbell, Enis, Eberly and Penzenik are kick-return candidates. Enis returned 14 kickoffs for a 19.4-yard average last year.

"The specialty teams should be as good as we have been or better," Paterno says.

The opener against USC might be a preview of the Rose Bowl. Then again, Penn State could lose several games since the Lions must visit conference foes Wisconsin, Ohio State and Michigan.

The Penn State program is five victories shy of the 700-win mark. Winning five games should be no problem; winning the Big Ten might be.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (4)

SE	63	Joe Jurevicius (Jr., 2); 21 Joe Nastasi (So., 1)
OT	69	Jason Henderson (Sr., 1); 51 Eric Cole (Fr., 0)
OG	66	Bill Anderson (Sr., 0); 63 Brad Jones (Jr., 0)
C	75	Barry Tielsch (Sr., 3); 59 Kevin Conlin (Jr., 0)
OG	64	Phil Ostrowski (Jr., 0); 60 Ryan Fagan (So., 0)
OT	71	Peter Marczyk (Sr., 1); 79 Dan Drogan (So., 0)
TE	87	Keith Olsommer (Sr., 3); 82 Cunchio Brown (So., 1)
QB	14	Wally Richardson (Sr., 3); 9 Mike McQueary (Jr., 0)
TB	39	Curtis Enis (So., 1); 23 Chris Eberly (So., 1)
FB	15	Jason Sload (Jr., 1); 49 Anthony Cleary (So., 1)
FL	11	Chris Campbell (Sr., 2); 12 Corey Jones (Fr., 0)
PK	20	Brett Conway (Sr., 3)

### DEFENSE (8)

DE	91	Chris Snyder (Jr., 2); 94 Freddie Valesse (Sr., 0)
DT	99	Matt Fornadel (Jr., 1); 95 David Fleischhauer (Fr., 0)
DT	93	Brandon Noble (Sr., 2); 76 Mike Buzin (So., 0)
DE	31	Bob Stephenson (Jr., 1); 35 Clint Seace (So., 0)
OLB	6	Aaron Collins (Jr., 2); 37 Darren Oswald (So., 0)
ILB	47	Gerald Filardi (Sr., 2); 36 Cory Carlson (Jr., 2)
OLB	44	Jim Nelson (Jr., 1); 55 Ahmad Collins (Jr., 0)
LCB	34	Brian Miller (Sr., 3); 17 Brad Johnson (So., 1)
RCB	33	Mark Tate (Sr., 3); 1 Shino Prater (Jr., 2)
FS	3	Kim Herring (Sr., 3); 24 Shawn Lee (So., 1)
HERO	29	Chuck Penzenik (Sr., 2); 8 Jason Collins (Sr., 1)
P	26	Darrell Kania (Sr., 2)

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**Head Coach:** John Cooper  
**1995 Record (Big Ten):** 11-2-0 (7-1-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 3rd Big Ten

Only at Ohio State could a team whip Notre Dame and Penn State, win 11 games by an average of almost 25 points, produce a Heisman Trophy winner and be considered a total bust.

Buckeye fans cheered the win over the Fighting Irish in the schools' first meeting in 60 years. They raved about tailback Eddie George as he brought home the sixth Heisman in school history. But they can't forget this score: Michigan 31, Ohio State 23. That game cost the Buckeyes a shot at their first national title since 1968, not to mention a Big Ten title.

A 20-14 Florida Citrus Bowl loss to Tennessee in a driving rainstorm added insult to injury.

"Seems like I've done this before, too many times," coach John Cooper said after losing the bowl game (the Buckeyes have dropped four straight on New Year's Day). But he might have been referring to The Big Enchilada: a trip to the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, where Ohio State hasn't made an appearance since 1984.

It's up to the 1996 Buckeyes to set things right. But they have to replace five starters on an offense that set school records for points (462), total offense (5,887 yards) and first downs (286). George is gone, as are quarterback Bobby Hoyer and his favorite target, Terry Glenn, the Biletnikoff Award winner. All-Big Ten tight end Rickey Dudley also graduated.

"It's this way every year," Cooper says. "A year ago, we were wondering what we were going to do. We lost Corey Stringer. We lost Joey Galloway and Chris Sanders. Most people picked us fourth or fifth in the league, and we came back to finish second (in the Big Ten) and sixth in the country."

At least Cooper doesn't have to worry about job security. In 1995, he signed an incentive-laden contract extension that could keep him in Columbus through the end of the century.

This year, Ohio State will try to become a Big Ten rarity: a champion with a first-year quarterback. Junior Stanley Jackson is the leading candidate to start, but he has attempted just 53 passes in college. Also battling for playing time will be Hoyer's younger brother, Tom, a junior, who threw two touchdown passes in '95.

Cooper is confident that junior tailback Pepe Pearson can replace George. "Two years ago, no one was sure what to expect when Eddie took over for Raymont Harris," Cooper says. "Now he's the Heisman Trophy winner."

Pearson has an explosive first step, although at 5-11 and 200 pounds, he lacks the punishing physical attributes of a typical Big Ten back.

"I like his work ethic," Cooper says. "I like his quickness. When we put him in the game last year, he produced. He's smaller than Eddie George, but he's quicker."

At fullback, which is primarily a blocking position at Ohio State, junior Nicky Sualua will start for the third year.

Ohio State lost its top three receivers, who



Orlando Pace

combined for 2,184 yards last fall. The top returnee is senior split end Buster Tillman, who caught 29 passes for an average of 18.3 yards and also grabbed one for a touchdown. Senior Dimitrios Stanley (12 catches, 163 yards) is the likely replacement for Glenn, who left early for the NFL draft. Senior Bob Houser and junior D.J. Jones, who is back from open-heart surgery, will contend to replace Dudley at tight end.

"The offensive line has to play better," Cooper says. "If you reflect back to the Tennessee game, we couldn't get fourth down and six inches. So we can't sit here and say, 'Oh, we have a great offensive line.' It will be great if they want to be great."

Junior left tackle Orlando Pace is already great — so great that the school is considering pushing

him as a Heisman Trophy candidate. And why not? The highest finish by an offensive lineman in the Heisman race was by another Buckeye, John Hicks, who placed second to Penn State's John Cappelletti in 1973 while winning the Outland Trophy and Lombardi Award.

Pace leads a line that has a chance to be the best in the country with three other starters returning: senior center Juan Porter, senior right guard LeShun Daniels and junior right tackle Eric Gohlstein. The lone newcomer is left guard Rob Murphy, a redshirt freshman.

The defensive line has a chance to rate as the best in the Big Ten. Three of four starters return, all seniors: Luke Fickell at nose guard, Matt Finkes at one end and third-team All-American Mike Vrabel at the other. The fourth starting spot likely will go to Winfield Garnett, a 6-6, 315-pound junior who should give opposing quarterbacks fits.

All three linebackers return. The leader is senior middle linebacker Greg Bellisari, who will start for the third year. The coaching staff would like to slot Bellisari outside, but he'll remain in the middle until someone else emerges. That someone could be junior Roedell Dupree.

One of the best spring battles was between sophomore Jerry Rudzinski, who missed most of 1995 with a broken foot, and senior Kevin Johnson, who started in Rudzinski's place. Senior Ryan Miller, who ranked second to Bellisari with 93 tackles and also picked off three passes, will start for the second season at the other outside spot.

Shawn Springs likes to collect trading cards of top NFL defensive backs. It won't be too long before the junior cornerback finds his own picture on a card. His value skyrocketed last year, when he earned first-team all-conference honors despite an early-season ankle injury. Springs snared five interceptions, including a spectacular one-hander against Michigan, and he excelled in single coverage. Anthony Gwinn and Rob Kelly return at the safeties, with Ty Howard back in the corner opposite Springs. All three are seniors.

Senior placekicker Josh Jackson is back for his third season as a regular. He converted 10-of-15 field-goal attempts in 1995 but was inconsistent beyond 30 yards (4-of-9). Thus, the Buckeyes will ask junior Mike Malfatt, their kickoff man, to handle placements of 40 yards and longer. The punter is sophomore Brent Bartholomew (36.9-yard average), who improved greatly as the season unfolded.

The return game is a major plus, led by Springs, who broke a kickoff return for 97 yards and a TD against Boston College.

After last year's disappointing finish, the Buckeyes need a quick start to restore the faith of their followers. The first big test comes Sept. 28, when the Buckeyes travel to Notre Dame. A week later, they'll host Penn State. Those two games likely will set the tone for 1996 in Columbus.

A fine recruiting class lends credence to the belief that Ohio State isn't going to fall out of the nation's elite any time soon.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (6)

SE	12	Buster Tillman (Sr., 3); 15 Dee Miller (So., 1)
LT	75	Orlando Pace (Jr., 2); 66 Dan Gibbons (So., 0)
LG	56	Rob Murphy (Fr., 0); 50 Eric Gohlstein (Jr., 1)
C	65	Juan Porter (Sr., 3); 61 Kevin Hyme (Sr., 0)
RG	57	LeShun Daniels (Sr., 2); 78 Drew Eford (Fr., 0)
RT	50	Eric Gohlstein (Jr., 1); 67 Brooks Burris (So., 1)
TE	88	Bob Houser (Sr., 3); 89 D.J. Jones (Jr., 1)
QB	8	Stanley Jackson (Jr., 1); 10 Tom Hoyer (Jr., 0)
FB	37	Nicky Sualua (Jr., 2); 39 Matt Calhoun (Sr., 3)
TB	29	Pepe Pearson (Jr., 2); 25 Jermon Jackson (Jr., 1)
FL	3	Dimitrios Stanley (Sr., 3); 6 Jimmy Redmond (Fr., 0)
PK	4	Josh Jackson (Sr., 2)

### DEFENSE (10)

DE	92	Matt Finkes (Sr., 3); 91 Jeff Wilson (So., 1)
DT	68	Winfield Garnett (Jr., 1); 36 Randy Homa (Fr., 0)
NG	99	Luke Fickell (Sr., 3); 62 Shane Clark (Sr., 0)
DE	94	Mike Vrabel (Sr., 3); 97 John Day (Jr., 1)
OLB	52	Kevin Johnson (Sr., 1); 35 Jerry Rudzinski (So., 1)
MLB	30	Greg Bellisari (Sr., 3); 51 Roedell Dupree (Jr., 1)
OLB	43	Ryan Miller (Sr., 3); 46 Marc Willis (Sr., 1)
CB	24	Shawn Springs (Jr., 2); 11 Antoine Winfield (So., 1)
FS	26	Anthony Gwinn (Sr., 3); 13 Damon Moore (So., 1)
SS	34	Rob Kelly (Sr., 0); 18 Che Bryant (So., 1)
CB	2	Ty Howard (Sr., 3); 20 Central McClellion (So., 1)
P	41	Brent Bartholomew (So., 1)

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**Head Coach:** Paul Pasqualoni  
**1995 Record (Big East):** 9-3-0 (5-2-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 2nd Big East

**C**an the Syracuse football team go the school's national runner-up basketball team one better? Expectations are high in upstate New York.

The Orangemen return 35 of 50 lettermen from last year's squad, which capped a 9-3 season by destroying Clemson 41-0 in the Gator Bowl. The returnees include seven starters on offense, eight on defense and the All-Big East punter. In addition, Syracuse had an outstanding recruiting year.

Coach Paul Pasqualoni says the key is to recapture the solid team chemistry of 1995 and to avoid the lack of it that plagued the 1993 and 1994 teams.

"It's going to be difficult," he says, "but only time will tell. I'd rather have great chemistry than great talent. Without chemistry we aren't going anywhere. But you never know what the chemistry is going to be. You've got to build a team, because a team isn't just individuals with talent. Nobody knows that better than we do."

The Orangemen's top rivals in the Big East should again be Miami and Virginia Tech. They lost to both teams on the road last November, but both come to Syracuse this season. The non-conference slate is somewhat soft: North Carolina, Minnesota, Tulane and Army. After talking to Pasqualoni, though, you get the impression he might vote those teams 1-2-3-4 in the coaches poll.

"Army can beat anyone," Pasqualoni says, noting that the Cadets almost beat Washington and Notre Dame last year and whipped Boston College. He also is well aware that North Carolina's new offensive coordinator is Greg Davis, "and the last time Greg Davis was in the Carrier Dome (as head coach of Tulane in 1990), he beat us."

"We're probably a couple of years away," Pasqualoni concedes. "We're way too young and we have too many holes to fill. We have a long way to go before I can say we're capable of having an outstanding season."

The quarterback race of the spring of 1995 doesn't figure to recur until 1999. Donovan McNabb, a sophomore, won a three-way battle last year and proceeded to lead a potent offense. McNabb rushed for 261 yards in Pasqualoni's pro-option scheme and completed 128-of-207 passes (61.8 percent) for 1,991 yards, 16 touchdowns and only six interceptions. He ranked third nationally in passing efficiency. Junior Keith Downing, who played in 10 games last year but attempted only three passes, is a capable backup.

As strong as Syracuse is at quarterback, the Orangemen may be better and deeper at running back. Senior tailback Malcolm Thomas was the leading rusher with 603 yards, and his backups, sophomore Kyle McIntosh and junior Tebucky Jones, added 338 and 223, respectively.

Syracuse also boasts an outstanding 1-2 punch at fullback, where senior Terry Morris, the starter, rushed for 92 yards (he was mainly a blocker) only to be overshadowed by sophomore Rob Konrad, who gained 433 yards and whose aver-



age of 6.9 per carry was the best of the Syracuse running backs. Redshirt freshman Nick Sudano could challenge.

Syracuse lost both wideouts, including Marvin Harrison, one of the nation's top receivers. Pasqualoni's biggest concern offensively is replacing Harrison's production (56 receptions, 1,131 yards, eight TDs). Senior Deon Maddox (13 catches, 189 yards) takes over for Harrison at split end but must hold off sophomore Kevin Johnson.

The other spot will wind up in the hands of one of a pair of juniors, Jim Turner or Scott Mitchell, or redshirt freshman Kevin O'Neil.

At tight end, juniors Roland Williams and top reserve Kaseem Sinceno provide experience and youth. Both caught six passes last year.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (7)

WR	1	Deon Maddox (Sr., 2); 12 Kevin Johnson (So., 0)
LT	66	Brad Patkochis (Jr., 1); 74 John Wellington (Fr., 0)
LG	76	John Michaelidis (Sr., 1); 61 Scott Kiernan (So., 1)
C	68	Harvey Pennypacker (Sr., 2); 55 Cory Bowen (Fr., 0)
RG	77	Shelton Prescott (Sr., 2); 72 Chuck Beatie (Jr., 0)
RT	79	Brent Warren (Jr., 1); 57 Jeff Pilon (Fr., 0)
TE	85	Roland Williams (Jr., 2); 89 Kaseem Sinceno (Jr., 2)
QB	5	Donovan McNabb (So., 1); 14 Keith Downing (Jr., 1)
TB	17	Malcolm Thomas (Sr., 3); 28 Kyle McIntosh (So., 1)
FB	37	Terry Morris (Sr., 2); 44 Rob Konrad (So., 1)
FL	15	Jim Turner (Jr., 2); 11 Scott Mitchell (Jr., 0)
PK	39	Sean Reali (Sr., 2)

### DEFENSE (8)

LE	40	George Meyers (Sr., 2); 90 Jason Walters (Jr., 2)
LT	63	Jeff Danish (Jr., 1); 99 Scott Freeney (Sr., 3)
RT	97	Antonio Anderson (Sr., 3); 70 Donald Dinkins (Fr., 0)
RE	56	Dulayne Morgan (Jr., 2); 40 George Meyers (Sr., 2)
OLB	26	Mike Brown (Sr., 1); 45 Dana Cottrell (Sr., 3)
MLB	45	Dana Cottrell (Sr., 3); 50 Antwaune Ponds (Jr., 2)
OLB	41	Nate Hemsley (Sr., 3); 26 Mike Brown (Sr., 1)
LC	4	Kevin Abrams (Sr., 2); 13 Shawn Summerville (So., 0)
FS	20	Donovin Darius (Jr., 2); 3 Larry Tyger (Jr., 1)
SS	24	Anthony Walker (Sr., 1); 33 Keith Bulluck (Fr., 0)
RC	9	Rod Gadson (Jr., 2); 10 Phil Nash (So., 1)
P	39	Sean Reali (Sr., 2)

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The offensive line was a much improved area last year and three starters return: senior center Harvey Pennypacker, senior guard Shelton Prescott and junior tackle Brent Warren.

The vacant tackle spot should go to either junior Brad Patkochis or redshirt freshman John Wellington. Competing for the open guard spot are senior John Michaelidis, sophomore Scott Kiernan and redshirt freshmen Frank Giufre and Bill O'Donnell. Sophomore Mike Russnok, who could win a job at guard, suffered a leg injury playing basketball during the winter and missed spring practice.

The defensive end position has three experienced, game-proven candidates for two spots: senior George Meyers and juniors Dulayne Morgan and Jason Walters. Redshirt freshmen Darrell Stroope, who missed last season with a shoulder injury, and Mathieu Beaudoin are in the mix.

The interior line also returns veteran performers who last year turned a question mark into a strength. They include junior Jeff Danish and seniors Antonio Anderson and Scott Freeney. Redshirt freshmen Donald Dinkins and Mike Dresner are pushing for playing time.

Syracuse always seems to have a key injury at linebacker. Now, it's junior Antwaune Ponds, who missed the last three games with a broken leg and didn't take part in spring drills. Ponds was a second-team all-conference pick and could be one of the best ever at Syracuse.

Seniors Dana Cottrell, Mike Brown, Nate Hemsley and Ponds can play any of the linebacker positions. Sophomores Jason Poles and Stan Gibbs, redshirt freshmen Matt Klaus and Tim Glisker, and junior Marc Pilon are waiting in the wings.

The leader of a talented defensive backfield will be senior cornerback Kevin Abrams, who earned All-America honors in '95 after one of the best seasons by a Syracuse defensive back in recent years: six interceptions, 18 pass breakups, 47 tackles.

Close friends Rod Gadson, a junior, and Phil Nash, a sophomore, will battle at the other corner after splitting time last year.

Hard-hitting junior Donovin Darius was an all-conference selection at free safety, with junior Larry Tyger and redshirt freshman Vernon Banks in reserve. At strong safety, senior Anthony Walker and redshirt freshman Keith Bulluck will compete to replace Darrell Parker.

With the graduation of placekicker Olindo Mare, senior punter Sean Reali may handle all the kicking duties. Reali punted 40 times for a 43.1-yard average. The previous year he made one of three field-goal tries.

There is no need for Syracuse to worry about kickoff returns with Turner (24.2-yard average), Johnson (22.0), and Jones (20.4). Maddox should return punts after backing up Harrison in 1995.

Pasqualoni's guarded comments notwithstanding, Syracuse certainly should be a contender for the Big East crown. And the Big East winner will be in the national-championship picture more often than not.



**Head Coach:** Jim Lambright  
**1995 Record (Pac-10):** 7-4-1 (6-1-1)  
**1996 Pick:** 2nd Pac-10

A year ago, Washington did a makeover on its logo, putting a fiercer Husky on the school's insignia. For now, that will have to do, since transition is difficult to represent visually.

Change has been a constant companion of coach Jim Lambright since he took over in August of 1993. Lambright succeeded longtime coach Don James on short notice, inheriting two years of Pacific-10 recruiting and bowl sanctions, plus television restrictions that carried into 1995.

The Huskies coped well, tying Southern California for the Pac-10 title last year. Now they must minimize the potential bumps stemming from the addition of two new assistant coaches and the shuffling of duties by two others.

In 1994, with the departure of offensive coordinator Jeff Woodruff, Lambright hired two new assistants: former Idaho assistant Bill Diedrick as offensive coordinator and ex-Vandal aide Scott Linehan as receivers coach.

But after two years and some perplexing play-calling, Lambright decided that arrangement wasn't working and last winter tabbed Linehan as his third offensive coordinator in four years. The move of Linehan, who had been successful developing receivers, left Diedrick with the quarterback-coaching assignment.

Although he favors the quick-passing attack popularized by Dennis Erickson, Linehan has talked about placing heavy emphasis on the run.

"Washington has always had the ability to run successfully," Linehan says. "We recruit that way, and we have physical offensive linemen and tailback and fullback runners that get yards. You look at the best team in football (the Dallas Cowboys), and it starts with the running game."

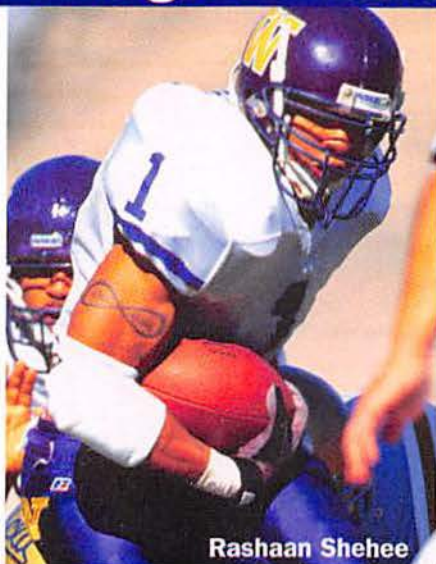
If there had been any sense of complacency in this program, it was extinguished in the Sun Bowl, where one of the Huskies' worst efforts in years resulted in a 38-18 drubbing by Iowa.

The quarterback position should generate some of the most compelling competition heading into the season opener. The starter will be either junior Shane Fortney, who can run, or redshirt freshman Brock Huard, a traditional drop-back quarterback. Fortney emerged from spring drills as No. 1, but the battle likely will extend well into fall camp.

"I expect it will be extremely close," Lambright says. "If it's close, we'll be playing two quarterbacks. If it's not, you'll see one in a dominant role."

Says Linehan: "The University of Washington won a national championship with two quarterbacks (Billy Joe Hobert and Mark Brunell) playing (in 1991). Is that the best way? I don't know. I've never coached that or played that."

Junior Rashaan Shehee gives the Huskies an all-league-caliber tailback. Shehee stepped in last season after starter Leon Neal was felled by a toe injury, then bludgeoned Notre Dame and Stanford for 367 rushing yards in his first two starts.



Rashaan Shehee

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But Washington recruiters didn't stand pat. They signed Seattle and Dixie Junior College product Corey Dillon, a juco All-American.

Fullback duties likely will be split between sophomore Mike Reed, who is coming off a thumb injury that shelved him for most of 1995, and sophomore George Keiaho.

The Huskies return all wideouts of note, including senior Dave Janoski (40 catches, 657 yards), juniors Fred Coleman (32-498) and Jerome Pathon (15-200), and sophomore Andre DeSaussure (14-277).

Cameron Cleland, a 265-pound junior, should step into a rich Husky legacy at tight end. Junior Jeremy Brigham is slated for significant playing time.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (5)

SE	19	Dave Janoski (Sr., 3); 24 Jerome Pathon (Jr., 1)
WT	67	Tony Coats (So., 1); 71 Chris Hoffman (Sr., 1)
WG	72	Bob Sapp (Sr., 3); 62 Ryan Bradley (Jr., 0)
C	57	Lynn Johnson (Sr., 3); 70 Ben Kadletz (So., 0)
SG	76	Benji Olson (So., 1); 70 Ben Kadletz (So., 0)
ST	78	Mostafa Sobhi (Jr., 2); 75 Aaron Dalan (So., 1)
TE	85	Cameron Cleland (Jr., 2); 11 Cam Kissel (Sr., 2)
QB	15	Shane Fortney (Jr., 2); 7 Brock Huard (Fr., 0)
TB	1	Rashaan Shehee (Jr., 2); 6 Terry Hollimon (Jr., 2)
FB	36	Mike Reed (So., 2); 25 George Keiaho (So., 1)
FL	22	Fred Coleman (Jr., 2); 3 Andre DeSaussure (So., 1)
PK	18	John Wales (Sr., 2)

### DEFENSE (7)

SLB	46	Jason Chorak (Jr., 2); 5 Reggie Davis (So., 1)
DE	35	Chris Campbell (Jr., 2); 99 Josh Smith (So., 1)
NT	67	Sekou Wiggins (Jr., 2); 55 Kurth Connell (Fr., 0)
DT	97	David Richie (Sr., 3); 66 Chris Lang (So., 1)
WLB	40	Jerry Jensen (Jr., 2); 20 Ikaka Mallo (Sr., 3)
ILB	54	Ink Aleaga (Sr., 3); 6 Marques Hairston (Fr., 0)
ILB	57	John Fiala (Sr., 3); 17 Lester Towns (Fr., 0)
ROV	3	Kyle Roberts (Jr., 2); 4 Jeremiah Pharms (Fr., 0)
FS	7	Tony Parrish (Jr., 2); 8 Nigel Burton (So., 0)
CB	1	Jermaine Smith (Fr., 0); 14 Karl Smith (So., 0)
CB	25	Mel Miller (Fr., 0); 18 Alex Hollowell (Jr., 2)
P	14	Geoff Prince (Sr., 2)

(R) Indicates Returner or Returnable Specialist  
 (ILB) Indicates Inside Linebacker  
 (NT) Indicates Nose Tackle  
 (P) Indicates Punter

Washington lost three senior starters and two backups on the offensive line but may not feel their absence unless injury problems arise.

Senior Bob Sapp was moved in the spring from weak tackle to guard, pushing sophomore Tony Coats into Sapp's old spot. Center will be manned either by senior Lynn Johnson or sophomore Olin Kreutz. Johnson injured a thumb that sidelined him for most of 1995.

On the strong side, junior Mostafa Sobhi likely takes over at tackle, but the player to watch is guard Benji Olson, a sophomore who made second-team all-conference last year.

The down linemen probably progressed further than any other Washington unit in 1995, and several are back. Junior Jason Chorak returns at strong linebacker, basically a defensive end in Washington's scheme. He and senior tackle David Richie developed into quality players, and junior tackle Sekou Wiggins held his own in his first starting action. Chorak and Richie combined for 24½ tackles for losses last fall.

Look for either sophomore Josh Smith or junior Chris Campbell to start at end.

The Huskies are solid at linebacker, starting with All-Pac-10 senior Ink Aleaga. Joining him inside is senior John Fiala. Junior Jerry Jensen was moved from inside linebacker to an outside spot.

The Huskies lost both starting cornerbacks, and All-America free safety Lawyer Milloy left school a year early for the NFL. To help shore up the depleted secondary, the Huskies have moved junior Tony Parrish from rover to free safety, where he will battle sophomore Nigel Burton for the starting assignment. Junior Kyle Roberts will get the nod at rover (strong safety).

Washington will start a pair of redshirt freshmen at the corners: Mel Miller and Jermaine Smith. Also in the mix are junior college transfer Alex Hollowell and sophomore Karl Smith.

After a solid sophomore year, placekicker John Wales converted just 10-of-20 field-goal attempts, while punter Geoff Prince tied for seventh (38.4-yard average) in the Pac-10. Snapping and placekicking problems cost Washington the Oregon game, and the Huskies had nobody near the top of the league's return categories.

Tight end Cleland probably will draw deep-snapping chores, and wideout Coleman will be a return specialist. Junior Ian Hughes, a transfer from Army, will challenge Prince for the punting job.

The Huskies have significant potential: an excellent running back, a talented offensive line, a rising defensive line and proven linebackers. What kind of quarterback play it gets may determine whether Washington can challenge for the league title.

Depth also could be a factor, as the 1994-95 classes were limited to 15 scholarships.

If you're only as good as your last game, the Huskies have work to do. According to Lambright, the poor showing in the Sun Bowl has been a source of motivation for players and coaches alike.



**Head Coach:** R.C. Slocum  
**1995 Record (SWC):** 9-3-0 (5-2-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 2nd Big 12 South

**T**hey talked openly about winning a national championship last year. Texas A&M players desperately wanted the college football world to take them seriously. As it turned out, however, the Aggies may have simply taken themselves too seriously.

"We forgot how to have fun," linebacker Keith Mitchell says. "We were uptight and felt the pressure. We finally loosened up and just had fun (in the Alamo Bowl victory) against Michigan. Look what happened. Now we know how to handle the pressure of being a top contender. We're going to be better, and we're going to have fun this year."

It could indeed be a fun year for the Aggies, despite suffering major losses at the offensive skill positions. A&M enters 1996 with new starters at quarterback, both running backs, flanker and tight end. But despite the "newness," the Aggies look like the same potentially dominating bunch, especially on defense.

Four-year starter Corey Pullig, the winningest quarterback in school history, is gone. But there shouldn't be a drop-off this year. In fact, A&M's quarterback play could be better with junior transfer Brannon Stewart. One of the nation's most highly regarded recruits as a senior at Stephenville (Texas) High in 1993, Stewart originally signed with Tennessee and played in 11 of the Vols' 12 games as a true freshman. But he was unable to beat out current Heisman Trophy candidate Peyton Manning and transferred to A&M following the '94 season.

Expectations among A&M fans are extremely high for Stewart, who combines a strong arm with a tremendous ability to run and scramble.

"I think he'll do a great job at Texas A&M this year," Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer says. "He's a tremendous talent."

Sophomore Kevin Colon and redshirt freshman Randy McCown and Shane Lechler will battle for the top reserve spot.

Injuries ruined Leeland McElroy's Heisman hopes last year, but McElroy's reduced playing time opened the door for a trio of talented running backs who played in '95 as true freshmen.

During the season, the elusive Sirr Parker and the bullish D'Andre Hardeman were often compared to former A&M greats Greg Hill and Rodney Thomas. With McElroy out of the SMU game, the two combined for over 200 yards rushing. Then in the Alamo Bowl, Parker, Hardeman and Eric Bernard showed flashes of brilliance, combining for 137 yards and a score.

"I thought those three young guys did a great job, and they have a very bright future," said Michigan coach Lloyd Carr.

A&M's passing game received a huge lift last year from wide receiver Albert Connell, a junior college transfer who caught 44 passes for 689 yards and seven scores. The first-team All-Southwest Conference performer has good speed and tremendous leaping ability, often making the difficult catches look routine.



Brandon Mitchell

Connell "had an outstanding year for us last season," coach R.C. Slocum says. "I'm not sure where we would have been without him."

Sophomores Donte Hawkins and Aaron Oliver, and senior Danny McCray should share time at split end, with Connell at flanker. Derrick Spiller should be the main target at tight end after an impressive freshman season.

Without a doubt, A&M's line is the most experienced unit on offense. The Aggies return four starters from a year ago. Senior guard Calvin Collins, junior guard Steve McKinney, junior center Koby Hackradt and junior left tackle Chris Ruhman all return following last year's solid performance. The lone opening along the line is at right tackle, where sophomores Brandon

Houston and Cameron Spikes will battle for the starting spot.

The Aggies' defensive front should be even better than it was a year ago, and it was dominating at times. All three starters, ends Brandon Mitchell and Pat Williams, and nose guard Edward Jasper, return as seniors after helping the Aggies finish third in the nation in total defense.

"We ought to be very good up front defensively if we can keep our guys healthy," Slocum says. "Brandon, Pat and Eddie did a good job for us last year, and we're expecting big things from them again." Avoiding injuries will be important, since depth is questionable.

As usual, Texas A&M is loaded at linebacker, returning three of four starters and several backups who made a major impact. In fact, it would be difficult to find a faster, more athletic group of blitz-happy linebackers anywhere in the country.

"I think they probably have the best linebackers in the country," Texas Tech quarterback Zebbie Lethridge says. "It seems like they're always fast and always coming after you."

Seniors Keith Mitchell and Larry Walker, and sophomore Dat Nguyen are the returning starters. Sophomore Warrick Holdman will line up on the outside opposite Mitchell, with Walker and Nguyen inside and juniors Trent Driver, Quinton Brown and Phillip Meyers in reserve.

Texas A&M's secondary could be magnificent. It could also be mediocre. It all depends on health. And the graduation of all-conference cornerback Ray Mickens doesn't help.

Seniors Donovan Greer and Andre Williams, who both missed spring practice due to knee rehabilitation, are strong cover cornerbacks. The safety positions are manned by returning starter Typail McMullen, a senior, and track team All-America sprinter Toya Jones, who made major contributions as a true freshman on special teams. Sophomore Shun Horn is listed as a starter at one corner. Depth is a major concern.

After struggling throughout much of last season, junior Kyle Bryant finished strong, kicking five field goals against Michigan. But Bryant's unpredictability (he made just 7-of-15 attempts prior to the Alamo Bowl) is a concern.

Lechler is the leading candidate at punter but has yet to punt in a game.

The primary kickoff returner will be Parker, who showed glimpses last year of the same electricity that made McElroy the most feared kickoff returner in college football. Jennings is likely to replace Mickens as the Aggies' punt returner.

A&M should benefit from having experienced the pressure last year of being a preseason Top 5 pick. The Aggies didn't handle it well a year ago, but they should be better because of it.

"We learned a lot last year," Slocum says. "We had some players and fans who weren't used to dealing with that kind of pressure. But our goal is to be in a position to at least contend for a national title every year."

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (5)

SE	1	Aaron Oliver (So., 1); 37 Donte Hawkins (So., 1)
RT	73	Cameron Spikes (So., 1); 74 Brandon Houston (So., 1)
RG	54	Calvin Collins (Sr., 3); 62 Semisi Heimuli (Fr., 0)
C	69	Koby Hackradt (Jr., 2); 52 David Vazquez (So., 0)
LG	72	Steve McKinney (Jr., 2); 68 Jake Horn (So., 0)
LT	76	Chris Ruhman (Jr., 2); 53 Rex Tucker (So., 1)
TE	87	Derrick Spiller (So., 1); 82 Daniel Campbell (So., 1)
FL	80	Albert Connell (Sr., 1); 88 Leroy Hodge (Fr., 0)
QB	7	Brannon Stewart (Jr., 0); 5 Kevin Colon (So., 0)
B	20	D'Andre Hardeman (So., 1); 33 Marc Broyles (So., 1)
A	8	Sirr Parker (So., 0); 22 Eric Bernard (So., 1)
PK	3	Kyle Bryant (Jr., 2)

### DEFENSE (8)

LE	96	Brandon Mitchell (Sr., 3); 45 Brad Crowley (Jr., 2)
NG	95	Edward Jasper (Sr., 2); 91 Zerrick Rollins (Jr., 1)
RE	99	Pat Williams (Sr., 1); 97 Marcus Heard (Jr., 2)
OLB	43	Warrick Holdman (So., 1); 51 Phillip Meyers (Jr., 2)
ILB	32	Larry Walker II (Sr., 3); 28 Trent Driver (Jr., 2)
ILB	9	Dat Nguyen (So., 1); 29 Quinton Brown (Jr., 2)
OLB	23	Keith Mitchell (Sr., 3); 55 Jimmie Irby (Sr., 1)
CB	21	Shun Horn (So., 1); 26 Andre Williams (Sr., 3)
FS	5	Toya Jones (So., 1); 11 Sherrod Wyatt (Sr., 1)
SS	6	Typail McMullen (Sr., 3); 48 Rich Coady (So., 1)
CB	27	Donovan Greer (Sr., 3); 14 Justin Lucas (So., 0)
P	19	Shane Lechler (Fr., 0)

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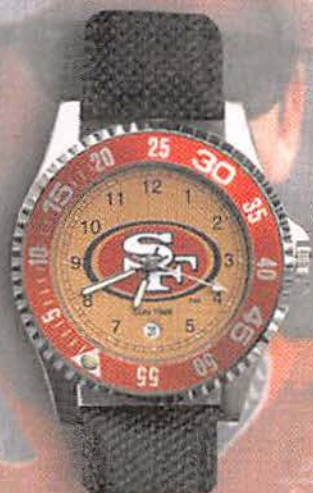
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**Head Coach:** Gene Stallings  
**1995 Record (SEC):** 8-3-0 (5-3-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 1st SEC West

Three Lost Weekends turned into a Lost Season for Alabama football in 1995. A program that had won a national championship three years earlier hit rock bottom by Crimson Tide standards.

Forget the 8-3 record. This is what Alabama fans remember:

- The third winningest program in college football history went on probation for the first time.
- The Crimson Tide failed for the first time to qualify for the SEC Championship Game.
- Alabama missed playing in a bowl game for the first time in 11 seasons and only the second time in the last 37 years.
- The 8-3 record featured a double dose of poison with losses to Tennessee and Auburn for the first time (in one season) in 12 years.

So what's been happening in Tuscaloosa? The Crimson Tide got mad.

"We had the best off-season program we've had in years," defensive coordinator Mike Dubose says. "It was painful to be home on New Year's Day. Bowl games are something we've taken for granted around here. I sense a new attitude and rededication among coaches and players. We're hungry again."

Coach Gene Stallings made major changes to his staff. Dubose replaces Bill Oliver as defensive coordinator, and Woody McCorvey takes over for Homer Smith as offensive coordinator. In a shocking move, Oliver went to Auburn. Smith was fired. New to the staff is receivers coach Dabo Swinney, a former Tide player who graduated in 1993.

Seventeen of the starters in the season-ending 31-27 loss at Auburn return, eight on offense and nine on defense. When the Tide opens on Aug. 31 against Bowling Green, the two areas watched with most interest will be quarterback and the defensive line.

Freddie Kitchens started the final two games of '95 at quarterback and brings a strong right arm to the job. Consistency and a tendency to put on weight are questions.

"We have to get excellent play from the quarterback position," Stallings says. "Freddie is a little off front because of experience."

Stallings is a bit concerned about his defensive line depth, noting, "The linemen we have returning — Eric Kerley (tackle), Chris Hood (end) and Darrell Blackburn (end) — are fine, but there's not much depth. It's important some young signees make contributions in that area."

The strongest position is running back, where Dennis Riddle returns with 969 rushing yards. Four challengers — Brian Steger, Curtis Alexander, Montoya Madden and Shaun Alexander — are progressing nicely.

Stallings, like his mentor, Paul "Bear" Bryant, is a poor-mouthing specialist, saying, "I think we'll be competitive. When I say we're competitive, I'm saying we have a chance to beat some folks. I think we'll be a good football team."



Dennis Riddle

Kitchens, a junior, was 63-of-127 passing for 811 yards, three touchdowns and five interceptions. The state's Mr. Football at Etowah High School in 1992, Kitchens played in six games as a true freshman, then sat out 1994 after shoulder surgery. He started just two games last season. Kitchens' best game in '95 was the loss at Auburn, when he completed 19-of-43 for 302 yards and one touchdown with no interceptions.

Riddle and returning fullback Ed Scissum give the Tide muscle up the middle. Riddle contributed 1,119 yards (969 rushing, 150 receiving) of offense and nine touchdowns as the sophomore tailback starter. Scissum, a junior, is more blocker than runner, handling the ball just 19 times for 93 yards last fall.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (7)

SE	83	Calvin Hall (So., 1); 26 Michael Feagin (So., 1)
LT	77	Joel Holliday (Jr., 2); 63 Sage Spree (So., 0)
LG	68	Will Friend (Jr., 2); 61 Chris Sign (So., 0)
C	71	John Causey (Sr., 3); 69 Michael Moore (Fr., 0)
RG	51	Laron White (Sr., 3); 79 Jeremy Pennington (Sr., 3)
RT	72	Pete DiMario (Sr., 3); 56 Chris Jordan (Jr., 1)
TE	38	Patrick Hape (Sr., 3); 86 Rod Rutledge (Jr., 2)
QB	9	Freddie Kitchens (Jr., 2); 17 Warren Foust (So., 1)
TB	29	Dennis Riddle (Jr., 2); 28 Brian Steger (Sr., 3)
FB	33	Ed Scissum (Jr., 1); 48 Travis Smith (So., 1)
FL	1	Marcell West (Sr., 3); 22 Michael Vaughn (So., 1)
PK	15	William Watts (Sr., 3)

### DEFENSE (9)

LE	34	Chris Hood (So., 1); 81 Edgar Walker (Jr., 1)
LT	78	Ozell Powell (Sr., 3); 49 Chris Warren (Sr., 0)
RT	99	Eric Kerley (Jr., 2); 93 Shawn Alexander (Fr., 0)
RE	44	Darrell Blackburn (Sr., 3); 95 Kelvin Moore (Sr., 3)
SLB	41	Ralph Staten (Sr., 3); 42 Paul Pickett (Jr., 1)
MLB	92	Tyrell Buckner (Sr., 3); 55 Fernando Davis (Sr., 3)
WLB	87	Dwayne Rudd (Jr., 2); 43 Steve Harris (So., 1)
LCB	25	Fernando Bryant (Sr., 1); 8 Tracy High (Sr., 3)
SS	7	Kevin Jackson (Sr., 1); 23 Andre Short (Jr., 2)
FS	13	Cedric Samuel (Sr., 3); 4 Steve Stanley (So., 1)
RCB	2	Deshea Townsend (Jr., 2); 35 Owen Winston (So., 1)
P	18	Hayden Stockton (Sr., 1)

(\*) Indicates Number 10 Returners, Shown  
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Last year's receiving rotation of Curtis Brown, Toderick Malone and Chad Key (99 catches, 1,393 yards combined) is gone. Back at flanker are senior Marcell West (11 catches, 108 yards), senior Chad Goss and sophomore Michael Vaughn. Split end is a dogfight among sophomores Calvin Hall and Michael Feagin, and red-shirt freshman Shamari Buchanan.

Senior Patrick Hape and junior Rod Rutledge, the tight ends, combined for just five catches last season but are devastating blockers.

The offensive line returns intact. On the left side are junior tackle Joel Holliday and junior guard Will Friend; on the right are senior guard Laron White and senior tackle Pete DiMario; and in between is senior center John Causey. Holliday, Causey, White and DiMario started every game in '95, and Friend the last four.

The defensive front four looks menacing. Senior Blackburn and sophomore Hood return at ends, and junior Kerley at one tackle. Senior Ozell Powell is expected to start at the other tackle. All-star Shannon Brown is the missing tackle. Blackburn tallied 10 sacks last year, while Hood totaled 21 tackles with three for losses and three sacks. Kerley, an All-SEC freshman, had 17 tackles with two for losses.

At linebacker, weak-side junior Dwayne Rudd is a Butkus Award candidate: 91 tackles with three for losses, five sacks, four forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and two passes broken up. Senior Ralph Staten returns on the strong side. Junior Paul Pickett and senior John Tanks back him up. Seniors Tyrell Buckner and Fernando Davis will battle for the middle spot.

The secondary is another strong point with all four starters returning. Senior Kevin Jackson, an All-SEC choice, is at strong safety, joined by senior Cedric Samuel at free safety and sophomore Fernando Bryant and junior Deshea Townsend on the corners. Samuel was the big playmaker in '95 when he returned an interception and a fumble for touchdowns.

Alabama must replace All-America kicker Michael Proctor. Senior William Watts returns and could handle all placekicking chores. Senior punter Hayden Stockton boasted a 40.9 average in '95. West and Feagin handled kickoff returns last season. West averaged 22.8 yards on 13 runbacks. Townsend and Vaughn returned punts.

The strength of the team (the running backs and offensive line) suits Stallings. When defenses stack against the running game, Kitchens has the big gun to go downfield. Last year's short passing game was miserable but should be improved.

Defensively, there are enough strengths, namely, the linebackers and secondary members, to offset a lack of depth on the front wall. It will be a typical Alabama defense: very physical and swarming.

With numerous returning starters, the Tide should be among the nation's best teams and in the hunt for the SEC Championship Game.





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**Head Coach:** Barry Alvarez  
**1995 Record (Big Ten):** 4-5-2 (3-4-1)  
**1996 Pick:** 4th Big Ten

It's back to basics for Barry Alvarez and his Wisconsin Badgers. After winning two straight bowl games for the first time in school history, the Badgers foundered in the midst of a rebuilding program last season that forced them to get away from what worked in the magical 1993 Rose Bowl and 1994 Hall of Fame Bowl years.

That recipe was a strong running game and a stingy defense, staples Wisconsin couldn't count on last season. In the two previous bowl years, Wisconsin averaged 247.6 yards per game rushing. Last year, the Badgers averaged 128.9 yards, 86th among 108 Division I-A schools. Part of the reason was a lack of experience. Wisconsin had lost 27 seniors and 14 starters.

"We just couldn't develop any consistency," says Alvarez, entering his seventh season at Wisconsin. "Everyone was new. We had only two returning starters on offense. Now, we're a veteran team. We've got to get back to where we're running the ball consistently and stopping the run consistently, and getting our special teams back to where they were previously."

The biggest question mark is at quarterback, where Alvarez must replace four-year starter Darrell Bevell, who owns nearly every passing record on the books at Wisconsin. The likely starter, sophomore Mike Samuel, will be aided greatly by an experienced and huge offensive line averaging 300-plus pounds.

Alvarez says Samuel is more athletic, more mobile and has a much stronger arm than Bevell. Samuel showed flashes of brilliance in a two-touchdown performance against Purdue but has to maintain his concentration.

"We're going to have to take the pressure off him and try not to put him in a position where he has to win or lose the game," says Alvarez. "If we can run the football, we can put him in high-percentage throwing situations."

Junior tailback Carl McCullough was only the third Badger to rush for more than 1,000 yards as a sophomore. But he frequently was banged up and missed considerable time in three of the last four games. McCullough is the Big Ten's third-best returning rusher, but sophomore Aaron Stecker and redshirt freshman Charles Williams and Jean Jourdain are in the mix at tailback. Sophomore Cecil Martin emerged as a steady performer at fullback and demonstrated blocking and pass-catching ability.

Wisconsin lost its top two receivers in flanker Michael London and tight end Matt Nyquist, who combined for 78 catches, but still has a promising wideout duo in juniors Tony Simmons and Donald Hayes. The challenge is developing depth. Simmons averages 21.4 yards per catch, and nearly 30 percent of his 51 career catches have been touchdowns. The 6-5 Hayes emerged late last season with 11 catches in his last two games for a total of 161 yards. Sophomore Ryan Sondrup moves up at tight end.



Tarek Saleh

The line is the strength of the offensive unit, boasting experience and size. After suffering through the trials of four first-year starters last season, Alvarez boasts five fifth-year seniors and a redshirt freshman who will likely crack the starting lineup. He wants the best five to play.

"The ones who are the most consistent and the most physical are going to start," he says.

Two of them, right tackle Jerry Wunsch and left guard Jamie Vanderveldt, have started 40 games between them in their careers. Both earned honorable mention All-Big Ten honors as juniors. Another is redshirt freshman left tackle Chris McIntosh, a 6-7, 305-pound package of intensity. Senior Cayetano Castro, a season-long starter at left tackle, has been moved to right

guard. Last year's starting center, senior Mike Rader, can also play guard. Derek Engler, a senior who can fill in anywhere in the trenches, may get the starting center role. Senior James Darby can also play center or guard.

Alvarez believes that offensive success begins with stopping the run. Jason Maniecki's graduation places the responsibility up front on senior rush end Tarek Saleh, fifth-year tackle Rod Spiller, another fifth-year reserve in Neil Miklusak and sophomore Tom Burke. Bryan Jurewicz, also a fifth-year senior, returns at end but could switch to tackle. Saleh, an All-America candidate, led the Big Ten in tackles for losses with 23 and had 12 of Wisconsin's 25 sacks last year.

The Badgers return the Big Ten's top tackler and Butkus Award candidate in senior Pete Monty, who totaled 137 stops in 1995. It's a race opposite Monty among juniors David Lysek and Brian Flanigan, with freshman Jamie Spielman in the mix. Sophomore Donny Eicher injured a knee in the spring game and likely will miss the season. Senior Daryl Carter, who moved from strong safety last year and finished with 88 tackles, brings athleticism to outside linebacker.

Alvarez believes a strong secondary allows a defense to do more things up front, and he's got a good one this year. What Wisconsin may have sacrificed in using all first-year starters last season will pay dividends this year. The secondary stands to be the strength of the defensive unit.

Junior Jason Suttle, who has 4.4 speed, has a chance to be a standout at one corner, and senior Cyril Weems, a converted quarterback who is physical as well as fast, will start opposite Suttle. Sophomore Leonard Taylor and junior LaMar Campbell give depth to the corner positions.

Junior Kevin Huntley, a converted receiver who was third on the team in tackles and led it with four interceptions, has a chance to start at free safety. Strong safety is the question mark.

Kicking was a big weakness last season. If not for two missed field goals from the 11-yard line, the Badgers would have been in a bowl. Senior John Hall returns with a strong leg (60-yard field goal against Minnesota) but must work on accuracy (7-of-14 field-goal attempts). The Badgers were 104th (out of 108) in net punting. Returning senior Brian Alexander may have to battle Hall for the punting job. Stecker did a good job running back kickoffs, but Wisconsin averaged a paltry 4.3 yards per punt return last fall.

With an inexperienced quarterback, Alvarez has his work cut out if he wishes to return to the top in the Big Ten, but a strong running game behind a good offensive line and a better defense against the run could move the Badgers to the middle of the pack in 1996.

The '96 schedule is a bit more friendly than last year's. After opening the conference season with Penn State, the Badgers have two weeks off to prepare for their trip to Ohio State.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (8)

WR	82	Tony Simmons (Jr., 2); 1 Ahmad Merritt (Fr., 0)
LT	75	Chris McIntosh (Fr., 0); 74 Mark Tauscher (Fr., 0)
LG	65	Jamie Vanderveldt (Sr., 3); 61 Chris Paulik (Jr., 0)
C	69	Derek Engler (Sr., 2); 64 James Darby (Sr., 2)
RG	68	Cayetano Castro (Sr., 3); 56 Mike Rader (Sr., 2)
RT	71	Jerry Wunsch (Sr., 3); 69 Pat Daley (Fr., 0)
TE	49	Ryan Sondrup (So., 0); 9 Kevin Lyles (Sr., 0)
FL	84	Donald Hayes (Jr., 1); 88 Demetrius Brown (Fr., 0)
QB	10	Mike Samuel (So., 0); 5 Mark Zanders (Fr., 0)
TB	13	Carl McCullough (Jr., 2); 43 Aaron Stecker (So., 1)
FB	37	Cecil Martin (So., 1); 32 Brandon Cantrell (Jr., 2)
PK	14	John Hall (Sr., 3)

### DEFENSE (8)

RE	42	Tarek Saleh (Sr., 3); 36 Azree Commander (Sr., 2)
DT	94	Neil Miklusak (Sr., 2); 74 Tom Burke (So., 1)
DT	91	Rod Spiller (Sr., 3); 92 Brandon Williams (So., 0)
DE	85	Bryan Jurewicz (Sr., 3); 53 Rob Roell (Fr., 0)
OLB	19	Daryl Carter (Sr., 3); 39 Pete Diatelevi (Sr., 3)
LB	48	Pete Monty (Sr., 3); 55 Brian Flanigan (Jr., 2)
LB	57	David Lysek (Jr., 2); 50 Donny Eicher (So., 1)
CB	7	Cyril Weems (Sr., 3); 34 Leonard Taylor (So., 1);
SS	13	Bob Adamov (So., 1); 45 Giscard Bernard (Sr., 2)
FS	6	Kevin Huntley (Jr., 2); 27 Damon Glenn (Jr., 2)
CB	28	Jason Suttle (Jr., 2); 38 LaMar Campbell (Jr., 2)
P	98	Brian Alexander (Sr., 1)

(All numbers based on 1995 season statistics)  
 BOLD denotes returning starters  
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**Head Coach:** Butch Davis  
**1995 Record (Big East):** 8-3-0 (6-1-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 3rd Big East

**R**eports of Miami's demise have been greatly exaggerated — at least for now.

Last season, the NCAA hit Miami with a long-awaited probation, but it contained only a one-year bowl ban — the Hurricanes took it last year — and no television sanctions. Where it will hurt in the long term is in scholarships. Miami loses 24 of the allotted 50 recruits this year and next.

Since 1983, when it won the first of its four national championships, Miami has the best record in college football (134-22-.859 to Nebraska's 133-23-1-.850), and the Hurricanes should easily match or exceed last year's 8-3 record, which included a first-place tie with Virginia Tech (6-1) in the Big East. It was a school-record 16th consecutive winning season, and the 'Canes have won or shared the Big East crown four times in the league's five-year existence. And they return 55 of 62 lettermen, including eight starters on offense — plus two outstanding linemen who went down early last season with knee injuries — and seven on defense. Both kickers graduated.

"I think it (experience) is significantly improved over last year," says second-year coach Butch Davis, whose club recovered from a 1-3 start and ended the season with a seven-game winning streak.

Junior quarterback Ryan Clement took over in Game 4. Clement completed 59.2 percent of his passes (119-of-201) for 1,638 yards and seven touchdowns while leading Miami to victory in its last seven games.

"Clement played so well at the end of the season," Davis says. "He brings some obvious playing experience, some success and some maturity to the position."

Miami flourished in its new two-back set last season thanks to senior tailback Danyell Ferguson, who became only the second runner in school history to surpass 1,000 yards (1,069). Ferguson, an All-Big East selection, scored 13 touchdowns and was the leading receiver out of the backfield with 22 catches for 248 yards.

There are a lot of other weapons at tailback: sophomore Dyrall McMillan, junior Trent Jones and freshman James Jackson, who is considered to be an impact player after gaining 1,500 yards at Fork Union Military Academy. With fullback Derrick Harris gone, the focus is on sophomores Carlo Joseph and Nick Williams, who could be a devastating force at 260 pounds. Depth and quality at running back now make Miami a legitimate two-dimensional threat.

The wide receiver positions are a team strength. Senior Jammi German (41 catches, 730 yards, three touchdowns) and junior Yatil Green (25 catches, 476 yards, two TDs) provide speed and experience. German is capable of eye-popping catches and Green is a legitimate deep threat. Sophomores Omar Rolle and Magic Benton showed flashes of brilliance last year, and senior speedster Tony Gaiter has moved back to wide receiver after a year at tailback.



Danyell Ferguson

Losing tight end Syii Tucker to graduation leaves the position in the hands of senior Gerard Daphnis (14 catches, 236 yards, two TDs) and junior Chris Jones.

The offensive line returns four starters and three others with starting experience. Fitting those seven into five positions is a nice problem. Senior K.C. Jones, one of the best centers in the country, went down in Game 4; junior Mike Wehner took over and proved capable. Senior right guard Ricky Perry was hurt in the 1995 opener and returns to challenge sophomore Richard Mercier, who started the last 10 games and apparently will move to left guard to fill the only vacancy on the line. Juniors Freeman Brown and Carlos Callejas and redshirt freshman Robert

Sampson will battle for playing time at guard. At tackle, the incumbents are junior Kerlin Blaise and senior J Ina (full name: J Bertrand Ina).

Senior Kenny Holmes and junior Kenard Lang, a pair of all-star candidates, will anchor the defensive line from the end positions. Lang was Big East Rookie of the Year in 1994. The starting tackles, junior Denny Fortney and senior Marvin Davis, also return but must fight off challenges from sophomores. Miami returns 11 defensive linemen who have seen game action.

"I feel much better about the linebacker position this year just from the standpoint of experience," Davis says. "There is a lot more depth, and there apparently will be a lot more team speed at linebacker."

Ironically, Miami's only defensive loss was middle linebacker Ray Lewis, who came out a year early for the NFL draft. Senior James Burgess, who was second to Lewis with 87 tackles, will move from an outside position to the middle. The likely starters on the outside are seniors Antonio Coley (strong side) and Twan Russell (weak side). Junior Jeffrey Taylor started once outside. An accomplished student, Coley is a pre-physical therapy major and has been a teaching assistant in an advanced anatomy class.

Eight players who started games last year return to the secondary. They include senior cornerback Earl Little. Sophomore Nick Ward also started some at cornerback. Junior Tremain Mack, who started five games, and senior Jack Hallmon, who started three, will return to the lineup at the strong safety spot. Senior free safety Chris Gibson started six games.

"We have to find a way to get more defensive backs involved," Davis says. "Additional defensive packages will allow for some of these guys to play underneath nickel positions."

Left-footed redshirt freshman Andy Crosland is slated to replace the graduated Dane Prewitt as placekicker. Crosland also punts. Walk-on Gaston Suzal, a redshirt freshman, will compete for that job.

"I was pleased from the standpoint of kick-blocking; we blocked 12 kicks," Davis says. In addition to Mack's six, Holmes blocked two field goals in a 17-14 win at Boston College. "I feel like we have to make significant improvement in punt returning and kickoff returning."

Miami averaged 7.6 yards per punt return while giving up 8.3. Benton averaged 23.5 yards per kickoff return and 5.5 on punt runbacks. He could be joined by Trent Jones and Mack on kickoffs and Gaiter, Mack and Ward on punts.

If Miami can get past Florida State in October — the game is in the Orange Bowl, where the Hurricanes are virtually unbeatable — and then defeat Virginia Tech (home) and Syracuse (away) in November, another Big East championship is well within reach. And a conference title would put Miami in the running for a record fifth national championship in 14 years.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (8)

FL	7	Jammi German (Sr., 3); 9 Omar Rolle (So., 1)
TE	82	Gerard Daphnis (Sr., 3); 85 Robert Hall (Fr., 0)
RT	61	J Ina (Sr., 3); 70 Shabaka Abdul-Majid (Jr., 1)
RG	73	Ricky Perry (Sr., 3); 78 Freeman Brown (Jr., 2)
C	63	K.C. Jones (Sr., 3); 68 Mike Wehner (Jr., 2)
LG	62	Richard Mercier (So., 1); 72 Carlos Callejas (Jr., 0)
LT	79	Kerlin Blaise (Jr., 3); 74 J. Johnson (Jr., 2)
WR	87	Yatil Green (Jr., 2); 8 Magic Benton (So., 1)
FB	40	Carlo Joseph (So., 1); 30 Nick Williams (So., 1)
TB	1	Danyell Ferguson (Sr., 3); 28 Dyrall McMillan (So., 1)
QB	16	Ryan Clement (Jr., 2); 11 Scott Covington (So., 1)
PK	17	Andy Crosland (Fr., 0)

### DEFENSE (7)

RE	90	Kenny Holmes (Sr., 3); 71 Derrick Ham (So., 1)
RT	99	Denny Fortney (Jr., 2); 95 Nelson Smith (So., 1)
LT	93	Marvin Davis (Sr., 3); 94 Chad Pegues (So., 1)
LE	96	Kenard Lang (Jr., 2); 53 Booker Pickett (Sr., 1)
WLB	45	Twan Russell (Sr., 3); 58 Jeffrey Taylor (Jr., 2)
MLB	54	James Burgess (Sr., 3); 49 Cliff Jackson (So., 0)
SLB	47	Antonio Coley (Sr., 3); 59 Michael Smith (Fr., 0)
BC	4	Earl Little (Sr., 3); 2 Nathaniel Brooks (So., 1)
FS	20	Chris Gibson (Sr., 3); 24 Marcus Wimberly (Sr., 3)
SS	3	Tremain Mack (Jr., 2); 44 Jack Hallmon (Sr., 3)
FC	27	Nick Ward (So., 1); 23 Duane Starks (Jr., 0)
P	17	Andy Crosland (Fr., 0)

(P) INDICATES NUMBER OF RETURNING STARTERS  
 BOLD INDICATES RETURNING STARTERS  
 NUMBER AFTER CLASH INDICATES LETTERS WON



**Head Coach:** Gary Barnett  
**1995 Record (Big Ten):** 10-2-0 (8-0-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 5th Big Ten

**D**efensive coordinator Ron Vanderlinden recalls a typical staff meeting during the early days of coach Gary Barnett's tenure at Northwestern. Barnett would start the day by portraying to his assistants the image of a huge boulder in front of them. Every day he would tell them to bring a sledgehammer to work and whack away at that boulder.

"One day we were going to come in there, smack that thing and it was just going to crumble," Vanderlinden says. "We just didn't know when the next hit was going to level it."

It took more than three years, but finally the huge rock crumbled for Barnett, his staff, his players and new legions of Northwestern football fans. The Wildcats took a delirious ride to a 10-2 season, the Big Ten championship and their first Rose Bowl since 1948. It was a giddy time for a team whose last winning season was more than a quarter-century ago. How difficult will it be for Barnett to maintain that success? Was it a mirage?

"People are always asking what's the hardest thing, to get there or stay there?" says Wisconsin coach Barry Alvarez, who should know. "They've already done the hardest thing. They were successful because they ran the football, kept the ball away from people, they ran a great defense and their kicking game was the best in the league. To sustain it, they have to continue to do what they did last year."

A tall order, perhaps, but the Wildcats do have a solid nucleus returning with 13 starters, eight all-conference players and 12 fifth-year seniors among 41 lettermen back.

Senior Steve Schnur, whose ability to stay out of trouble was one of the biggest reasons for Northwestern's success, returns at quarterback. He's not flashy, but he is efficient. Schnur threw only five interceptions in 218 regular-season attempts. His backup could be one of two seniors, Chris Hamdorf or Tim Hughes, who began the 1994 season as the starter.

Junior tailback Darnell Autry was the workhorse of the ground game. He averaged 32 carries per contest and was one of only two running backs in the country to rush for more than 100 yards in each game. A Heisman finalist as a sophomore, Autry ranked fourth in the nation and first in the Big Ten with 152.2 yards rushing per game. Junior backups Adrian Autry (no relation) and Faraji Leary combined for just 47 carries in '95. Junior Matt Hartl and sophomore Levelle Brown return at fullback.

The entire receiving corps is back, giving Barnett and offensive coordinator Greg Meyer reason to hope that an improved passing game could take pressure off Autry and the defense. Leading receiver D'Wayne Bates, a junior wideout, was one of the biggest surprises last fall for the Wildcats. After making the switch from quarterback, he showed good hands and leaping ability in averaging 17.7 yards per catch. Bates will be backed up at flanker by senior Toussaint Waterman.



Darnell Autry

Peter Brouillet

Seniors Dave Beazley and Brian Musso also provide experience at the other wideout.

The Wildcats want senior tight end Darren Drexler to be a bigger part of the offense. He's a nice target at 6-6 and 258 pounds and has already proven himself to be a good blocker.

Northwestern loses two first-team All-Big Ten offensive linemen in center Rob Johnson and guard Ryan Padgett but will field an all-senior front. Brian Kardos, a 298-pounder who made second-team all-conference in '95, and Paul Janus return at the tackles, with Jason Wendland in reserve. Guard Justin Chabot made the switch in midseason from tackle. Kevin Peterson will start at the other guard, and Nathan Strikwerda will try to fill Johnson's sizable shoes at center.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (9)

WR	5	D'Wayne Bates (Sr., 1); 18 Toussaint Waterman (Sr., 2)
ST	78	Brian Kardos (Sr., 2); 70 Brian Hemmerle (So., 0)
SG	61	Justin Chabot (Sr., 3); 77 Chad Pugh (Sr., 1)
C	63	Nathan Strikwerda (Sr., 1); 58 Jason Matijew (So., 0)
TG	72	Kevin Peterson (Sr., 1); 79 Bryan LaBelle (Sr., 1)
TT	74	Paul Janus (Sr., 3); 60 Jason Wendland (Sr., 1)
TE	83	Darren Drexler (Sr., 3); 87 Joel Stuart (Sr., 0)
QB	10	Steve Schnur (Sr., 3); 4 Chris Hamdorf (Sr., 0)
TB	24	Darnell Autry (Sr., 2); 32 Adrian Autry (Sr., 1)
FB	46	Matt Hartl (Sr., 1); 34 Levelle Brown (So., 1)
WR	86	Dave Beazley (Sr., 3); 22 Brian Musso (Sr., 2)
PK	13	Brian Gowins (Sr., 1)

### DEFENSE (4)

LE	44	Keith Lozowski (Sr., 2); 90 Thor Schmidt (Sr., 0)
LT	95	Matt Rice (Sr., 3); 88 Kejaun DuBose (Sr., 2)
RT	96	Ray Robey (Sr., 1); 94 Joe Reiff (Sr., 3)
RE	36	Casey Dailey (Sr., 2); 81 Jon Burns (Sr., 1)
HLB	49	Kevin Buck (So., 1); 53 Don Holmes (Sr., 1)
ILB	51	Pat Fitzgerald (Sr., 3); 55 Barry Gardner (Sr., 1)
DLB	52	Tim Scharf (Sr., 3); 42 Tucker Morrison (Sr., 1)
CB	3	Hudhaifa Ismaeli (Sr., 2); 21 Fred Wilkerson (Sr., 1)
SS	33	Eric Collier (Sr., 2); 30 Matt Stewart (Sr., 1)
FS	26	Mike Nelson (Sr., 1); 31 Kyle Sanders (So., 0)
CB	17	Josh Barnes (Sr., 1); 11 Gerald Conway (So., 0)
P	14	Paul Burton (Sr., 3)

(R) Return Number or Record Score  
 BOLD indicates returning starters  
 NUMBER After Game Indicates Letterman Year

Senior Matt Rice will start for a fourth year and anchor the defensive line at tackle. Rice was a critical cog in the nation's leading scoring defense in 1995. Seniors Ray Robey and Joe Reiff will share time at the other tackle position. The biggest question marks are at end. Casey Dailey, a senior who had six sacks, returns at right end, and senior Keith Lozowski will try to replace the departed Mike Warren at left end.

Senior Pat Fitzgerald healed slowly from a broken leg suffered in the 10th game of the season and missed all of spring practice. But he's expected to return and will be needed. Fitzgerald was a first-team All-American, Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year and the second-leading tackler in the conference despite missing almost two games. Junior Don Holmes, who replaced Fitzgerald after the injury, and sophomore Kevin Buck, who was a high school All-American and played last season as a true freshman, are candidates to start at hawk linebacker. Senior Tim Scharf, who shows explosiveness coming off the edge, will play drop linebacker and be used in passing situations as an outside rusher.

Northwestern loses three starters from the secondary, but senior Eric Collier, third on the team in tackles, returns at strong safety and could be an All-Big Ten performer. He had three interceptions last year. Junior Mike Nelson had a nice spring and will try to replace William Bennett at free safety. Depth could be a problem at both safety spots.

Senior Hudhaifa Ismaeli, who earned second-team All-Big Ten honors after registering 10 tackles for losses and five sacks last fall as a nickel back, has the size, speed and aggressiveness to shine at cornerback. Junior Josh Barnes is at the other corner, and junior Fred Wilkerson is the first corner off the bench.

Senior Paul Burton, who has averaged nearly 41 yards per punt in his three years as the starter, is solid and ready for an All-Big Ten year. Junior placekicker Brian Gowins, who showed good range after Sam Valenzisi's season-ending knee injury, should improve his accuracy.

Musso and Bates provide depth returning punts, and Ismaeli showed promising skills as a kick returner in the Rose Bowl.

Northwestern still has its share of skeptics who believe the Wildcats were a one-year phenomenon, but they return a solid group with one of the best motivational coaches in the country. If Fitzgerald is healthy, if Autry has another great season, and if the Wildcats are as hungry and again place among the leaders in turnover ratio, they will be back in the thick of the Big Ten race.

"I'm eager, and I'm not going to listen to all the stories about the problems of repeating," says Barnett. "I'm just going to go into this season as if we hadn't won last year, because if you don't go back and recapture all the things you had going into the winning season, you'll never get it back."





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**Head Coach:** Terry Bowden  
**1995 Record (SEC):** 8-4-0 (5-3-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 2nd SEC West

**T**erry Bowden has knocked off milestones during his first three years at Auburn.

Perfect season and National Coach of the Year in year one. School-record 20-game winning streak in his first two seasons while the Tigers were on NCAA probation. A berth in the Outback Bowl at the conclusion of his third, when the Tigers were off the hook with the NCAA. But the biggest milestone, an SEC (or possibly a national) championship, is yet to come.

Last season's 8-4 record was the worst in young Bowden's three years. It harvested the first bowl of his head-coaching career, but it didn't get the main goal: the SEC crown.

"We haven't been to Atlanta yet," says Bowden, referring to the championship game site. "We weren't the best in our division last year, much less the conference. I think we might have been too analytical."

With his priority fixed on the Western Division championship, Bowden shook up his staff, particularly the defensive side. The Tigers recorded 459 yards of total offense per game last season, 26 yards shy of the school record, but allowed opponents 385.

So Bowden fired longtime defensive coordinator Wayne Hall and brought in Bill "Brother" Oliver from archival Alabama.

Oliver's bloodlines are better than most. He was around five national champions at Alabama, playing for one and coaching five.

"What I cut my teeth on," Oliver says, "is doing whatever it takes to win ball games. Formations, 3-4s or 4-3s, don't win championships. You have to do what the players can do. We'll be multiple in our schemes and hope we can take it from the practice field to the stadium."

Oliver will have plenty to work with. The Tigers return nine starters on defense, missing only corner Dell McGee and linebacker Anthony Harris. It's another story on offense, where only five regulars return. Two-time 1,000-yard rusher Stephen Davis and two-year quarterback starter Patrick Nix are gone, and All-America tackle Willie Anderson departed a year early for the NFL.

Yet Bowden and brother Tommy, his offensive coordinator, are confident in their offense. "I feel as good about taking this team into the season as any I've had at Auburn," Bowden says.

The exciting junior Dameyune Craig is ready to pull the trigger on Bowdenball. After a redshirt year and two seasons as backup to Nix, it's Craig's offense. With Craig at the controls, the Tigers scored 13 TDs in 13 goal-line situations, and Craig rushed or passed for 10 of them. A splendid athlete, Craig rushed for 122 yards and six touchdowns, and completed 28-of-40 passes for 268 yards and four TDs with only one interception. He reminds people of former Florida State quarterback Charlie Ward, the 1993 Heisman Trophy winner.

With Davis gone, swift junior Fred Beasley moves from fullback to tailback. Beasley rushed for 346 yards and five TDs on 66 carries and



caught 11 passes for 194 yards and another score. Junior Kevin McLeod takes the fullback spot.

Wide receivers Willie Goshia, a senior, and Tyrone Goodson, a junior, combined for 95 catches and 1,265 yards. Senior Hicks Poor and sophomore Robert Baker were right behind them. Baker caught the second-most passes ever by a Tiger freshman, 28, and kept the game-winning drive alive against Alabama with a clutch 34-yard third-down catch.

Senior tight end Jessie McCovery has ability as a blocker and junior Tyrone Dillard is a better receiver, so both will see plenty of action.

Along the front wall, which must be rebuilt to replace Anderson and center Shannon Roubique, senior guard Leonard Thomas and junior tackle

Victor Riley lead the Tigers. Sophomore DeMarcus Curry and junior Kevin Cummings are 1-2 at the other tackle. Redshirt freshman Jeno James is Riley's backup. Jim Roe, a senior, brings experience to the guard opposite Thomas. Junior James Kiger and sophomore Karl Lavine are battling at center.

Bowden and Oliver have a solid group on which to build a top-flight defense. The front line of ends Mark Smith, a senior, and Shannon Suttle, a junior, and sophomore nose tackle Jimmy Brumbaugh returns experienced and talented. Brumbaugh is the leading tackler of the three with 71 hits, nine tackles for losses and four sacks. Suttle had 50 tackles, six for losses, and two sacks. Smith totaled 45 tackles, 11 for losses, and delivered six sacks.

Auburn's linebackers are the strength of the team. Terry Solomon and Marcellus Mostella,

**"Formations don't win championships. You have to do what the players can do."**

— Bill Oliver

senior All-SEC candidates on the outside, and sophomore Takeo Spikes in the middle will be Oliver's building blocks. Mostella led the team with 128 total tackles, including 12 for losses, five sacks and two fumble recoveries. Solomon had 66 tackles, 11 for losses, and a team-leading nine sacks.

Spikes was the Tigers' fourth-leading tackler in '95. He had 76. Junior Ricky Neal starts at the other inside position.

Junior cornerback Larry Melton returns to the secondary with safeties Charles Rose, a senior, and Martavius Houston, a sophomore.

Houston, who moved into a starting job as a freshman, was the big playmaker. The strong safety was the team's third-leading tackler with 94. He broke up five passes and intercepted one. Rose made 64 tackles and knocked down four passes. Melton supported the run well, making 66 stops and breaking up 11 passes. Junior Tyreece Williams, who has also seen action at wide receiver, will start opposite Melton.

Both the punting and placekicking duties are up for grabs. One new kicker on board is junior college All-American Jaret Holmes. He averaged 45.1 yards on punts last season and landed 45-of-80 kickoffs in the end zone.

Baker is a dangerous return man who averaged 9.3 yards on punt returns and 21 yards on kickoffs.

With Craig ready to take the reins of Bowden's offense and Oliver pulling the strings on defense, Tiger fans have plenty of reason for optimism. The non-conference schedule has three wins built in: against UAB, Fresno State and Northeast Louisiana, with SEC home games against LSU, South Carolina, Arkansas and Georgia. The tough ones are Florida and Alabama on the road.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (5)

WR	2	Willie Goshia (Sr., 3); 89 Hicks Poor (Sr., 2)
WR	83	Tyrone Goodson (Jr., 2); 18 Robert Baker (So., 1)
TE	80	Jessie McCovery (Sr., 3); 41 Tyrone Dillard (Jr., 2)
TT	69	DeMarcus Curry (So., 1); 76 Kevin Cummings (Jr., 1)
TG	60	Leonard Thomas (Sr., 3); 65 Kendall Mack (So., 1)
C	52	James Kiger (Jr., 1); 57 Karl Lavine (So., 1)
SG	73	Jim Roe (Sr., 3); 74 Ben Elliott (Fr., 0)
ST	68	Victor Riley (Jr., 2); 78 Jeno James (Fr., 0)
QB	16	Dameyune Craig (Jr., 2); 15 Jon Cooley (Sr., 2)
FB	43	Kevin McLeod (Jr., 2); 32 Cascade Pennington (Fr., 0)
TB	23	Fred Beasley (Jr., 2); 30 Eric Hines-Tucker (Sr., 1)
PK		Jaret Holmes (Jr., 0)

### DEFENSE (9)

OLB	44	Terry Solomon (Sr., 3); 92 Bobby Daffin (Jr., 2)
DE	99	Shannon Suttle (Jr., 2); 94 Nate Smith (Jr., 2)
NT	96	Jimmy Brumbaugh (So., 1); 91 Charles Dorsey (So., 1)
DE	97	Mark Smith (Sr., 1); 98 James Roscoe (So., 1)
OLB	47	Marcellus Mostella (Sr., 3); 37 Terrance Crowder (Jr., 2)
LB	50	Ricky Neal (Jr., 1); Barrett Askew (Fr., 0)
LB	55	Takeo Spikes (So., 1); Stan Bellamy (Fr., 0)
CB	22	Tyreece Williams (Jr., 1); 9 Dan Evans (So., 1)
CB	28	Larry Melton (Jr., 2); 4 Jayson Bray (So., 1)
SS	25	Martavius Houston (So., 1); 38 Liron Thomas (Sr., 1)
FS	31	Charles Rose (Sr., 3); 6 Ryan Taylor (So., 1)
P		Jaret Holmes (Jr., 0)

(F) Freshman; (Sr.) Senior; (Jr.) Junior; (So.) Sophomore; (Fr.) Freshman  
 \*Bold indicates returning captain  
 \*Number after slash indicates career wins



**Head Coach:** George O'Leary  
**1995 Record (ACC):** 6-5-0 (5-3-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 3rd ACC

**N**o one did a better coaching job last year than Georgia Tech's George O'Leary.

In his first full season as head coach, O'Leary lifted the Yellow Jackets from a dismal 1-10 in 1994 to 6-5 in '95 and was within four points of 8-3. Only a blocked punt by Arizona with three minutes to play and a field goal by Georgia in the last 47 seconds kept Tech out of the national rankings and a bowl. It was a tremendous reconstruction program, one that O'Leary says is not quite completed.

"Offensively, it's how you do up the middle and we've got to find replacements at quarterback and center," he says. "You've got to step before you can run. We're still growing."

Redshirt freshman Joe Hamilton came out of spring practice as the No. 1 quarterback after besting sophomore Brandon Shaw. Hamilton's chief rival has all the tools, as he showed in keying a fourth-quarter comeback win over North Carolina State. But Shaw needs game experience. He threw just 14 passes all last year.

Senior Dexter Stallworth, who lettered at quarterback last year, has been moved to flanker. In recruits Quincy Carter and Jon Muires, O'Leary has nabbed two of the nation's top prospects.

Tech has more than a few ball carriers with talent. Junior C. J. Williams was the No. 4 rusher in the Atlantic Coast Conference with 1,138 yards and a per-game average of 103.5, good enough to earn him a second-team All-ACC berth.

Capable support at tailback comes from sophomores Phillip Rogers and Charlie Rogers, along with junior T. J. Johnson. Charlie Rogers also could see time at wide receiver.

The Yellow Jackets are equally strong at fullback, where sophomore Charles Wiley has emerged as a tough runner and even tougher blocker. Sophomore Curtis Hollomon, who missed most of 1995 with an injury, also could fit in, and junior Ron Hardin, projected as a starter before he was hurt last year, is back and healthy.

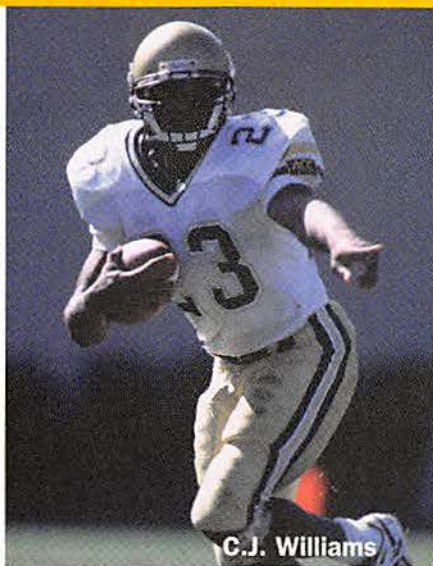
If they can stay healthy, Tech's receivers are as good as they come. Avoiding injuries has been a problem for senior flanker Derrick Steagall, a thoroughbred athlete still looking for his peak season. He made 27 catches in 1995.

Junior split end Harvey Middleton is the team's most productive receiver. He recorded 31 receptions and three touchdowns last year. Middleton and Steagall both have the ability to turn a short pass into a long gainer.

Depth at the wideouts comes from sophomores Mike Sheridan, a converted defensive back, and Conrad Daniels and, of course, Stallworth.

At tight end, senior Grant Baynham fits the Tech profile; he is a big, strong blocker and occasional target. Last season he had 14 receptions and one touchdown. Behind the 6-5 Baynham are 6-7 sophomore Chris Myers, 6-4 redshirt freshman Joe Perdoni and 6-3 senior walk-on Marc Westmoreland.

In center Michael Cheever and right tackle



Mike Moore

Jason Dukes, Tech lost its two top linemen from the third-best rushing team in the ACC. Returning are two all-conference candidates, senior left tackle Curtis McGee and junior right guard Ken Celaj. Senior left guard Michael Minter, a starter in the last eight games of '95, also is back.

On the basis of work in spring practice, sophomore Craig Page, a transfer from Louisville, will be Cheever's replacement at center. He will be backed up by redshirt freshman Abe Fernandez and Jim Kercher, a senior walk-on.

At right tackle, seniors Steve Jackson and Yoel Molina are vying to fill Dukes' big shoes. Tight end Myers could make it a threesome here.

There is sure to be one change in the defensive trenches. Nose guard Al Jackson, who came in as

a junior college transfer last year and played one season, reportedly left school to become a police officer. The Jackets do return end Ralph Hughes and tackle Derrick Shepard, both juniors, from last year's lineup, along with senior Jermaine Miles at the end opposite Hughes.

At nose guard, juniors Dan Witherspoon and Patrick Bradford will do battle. Bradford missed spring practice while rehabbing a shoulder.

Other contenders up front are junior Kamal Balogun and sophomores Nate Stimson, DeShaan Simmons, Conrad Andrzejewski, Vercellus Bell and Roderick Roberts. There are high hopes for Simmons, a former USA TODAY All-American.

In recent years, Georgia Tech has been noted for cranking out such talented linebackers as Marco Coleman, Pat Swilling, Jamal Cox and Lucius Sanford. You can add two and possibly

### Avoiding injuries has been a problem for senior flanker Derrick Steagall, a thoroughbred athlete still looking for his peak.

three more linebackers' names to that august list.

Juniors Ron Rogers and Keith Brooking, both of whom play on the inside, are All-America material. Brooking led the ACC with 146 tackles and Rogers was a single hit behind with 145. Senior Jimmy Clements, who plays on the outside, made 67 stops and four sacks.

Backup support at linebacker should come from sophomores Jesse Tarplin, Justin Robertson and Delaunta Cameron.

At one cornerback position is Mr. Versatility, senior Nathan Perryman, an excellent cover man and punt returner and a bona fide All-America candidate. Perryman, a three-year starter, led the ACC in pass breakups with 13. Speedy sophomore Jason Bostic could be his counterpart at the other corner.

Senior Mike Dee, who has started 29 of Tech's last 33 games, was moved from free safety to strong safety during spring drills. Sophomore Brian Wilkins took over at free safety.

Both Yellow Jacket kickers return. Sophomore Rodney Williams punted for a 38.1-yard average last year. He put his exclamation point on the season with a booming 48.5 average in the finale against archrival Georgia. Placekicker David Frakes, now a junior, scored on 10-of-15 field-goal attempts.

Perryman does most of the punt returning (12.5-yard average). Steagall and Charlie Rogers are dangerous kickoff returners.

The defense must hold until inexperience at quarterback resolves itself. Look for the Jackets to depend on a solid running game, especially early.

O'Leary's trademark is defense. Run stopping is a strength, but Tech needs to patch a porous pass defense.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (8)

SE	81	Harvey Middleton (Jr., 2); 6 Conrad Daniels (So., 1)
LT	59	Curtis McGee (Sr., 3); 61 John Grantham (Jr., 0)
LG	74	Michael Minter (Sr., 1); 89 Marc Westmoreland (Sr., 0)
C	78	Craig Page (So., 0); 77 Abe Fernandez (Fr., 0)
RG	64	Ken Celaj (Jr., 2); 66 Kevin Knapp (Fr., 0)
RT	62	Steve Jackson (Sr., 2); 76 Yoel Molina (Sr., 1)
TE	86	Grant Baynham (Sr., 3); 91 Chris Myers (So., 1)
QB	14	Joe Hamilton (Fr., 0); 10 Brandon Shaw (So., 1)
FB	36	Charles Wiley (So., 1); 20 Curtis Hollomon (So., 0)
TB	23	C.J. Williams (Jr., 2); 37 Phillip Rogers (So., 1)
FL	9	Derrick Steagall (Sr., 3); 44 Dexter Stallworth (Sr., 1)
PK	12	David Frakes (Jr., 2)

### DEFENSE (8)

DE	46	Ralph Hughes (Jr., 2); 56 Nate Stimson (So., 0)
DT	92	Derrick Shepard (Jr., 2); 79 Patrick Bradford (Jr., 2)
NG	94	Dan Witherspoon (Jr., 1); 90 Kamal Balogun (Jr., 1)
DE	95	Jermaine Miles (Sr., 1); 68 DeShaan Simmons (So., 1)
OLB	28	Jimmy Clements (Sr., 3); 41 Jesse Tarplin (So., 1)
ILB	50	Ron Rogers (Jr., 2); 58 Justin Robertson (So., 1)
ILB	35	Keith Brooking (Jr., 2); 55 Delaunta Cameron (So., 1)
BCB	4	Jason Bostic (So., 1); 43 Kofi Smith (So., 1)
FCB	32	Nathan Perryman (Sr., 3); 18 Donte Booker (Fr., 0)
SS	8	Mike Dee (Sr., 3); 29 Gary Joseph (Jr., 2)
FS	16	Brian Wilkins (So., 1); 27 Jerry Caldwell (So., 1)
P	2	Rodney Williams (So., 1)

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**Head Coach:**  
**1995 Record:**

**Steve Logan**  
**9-3-0**

**H**as East Carolina football arrived? If by "arrived" we mean that the Pirate program has reached Top 10-15 status, then the answer is no. If it implies that the Pirate program has now garnered national respect and is capable of being a Top 25 team on a consistent basis, then the answer very likely is yes.

Pirate head coach Steve Logan knows the climb toward respectability has been a tough one, but one that many long-mediocre programs also had to make before success finally was achieved.

"When you are a new kid on the block, as we are, nudging into the upper echelon is not easy," says Logan, who is entering his fifth season in Greenville. "We are still at the point at which people say, 'OK. You had a good season. Let's see if you can do it again.'"

Logan supports his opinion by noting that, despite a 9-3 mark in '95 (including a 19-13 win over Pac-10 power Stanford in the Liberty Bowl), East Carolina failed to crack the final Associated Press Top 25 Poll (although it did finish in the Top 25 of the CNN/USA TODAY Coaches Poll). The three losses came at powerful Tennessee (27-7), at Illinois (7-0) and at underrated Cincinnati (13-10).

The East Carolina football program has made significant strides since joining the Division I ranks in 1977. Since then, the Pirates have recorded a 108-104-1 mark.

Many contend that it was former coach Bill Lewis who helped establish East Carolina as a quality "second-tier" program, one capable of competing with almost any foe. Lewis left East Carolina after only three seasons. Logan, however, appears likely to stay awhile in Greenville.

"We've got a contract with ESPN and a tie-in to the Liberty Bowl through the Liberty Bowl Alliance," Logan says. "In terms of conference affiliation, when you strip away all the verbiage, all that matters is bowl access. But you have to look down the road."

The view down the road is encouraging. Reports indicate East Carolina (along with Army and Navy) will be invited to join Conference USA for football.

Senior Marcus Crandell is one of the nation's best quarterbacks. Last fall, the Robersonville, N.C., native completed 235-of-447 passes (52.6 percent) for 2,751 yards and 18 touchdowns. His passing-efficiency rating of 112.2 was modest, but Crandell's scrambling ability elevates him to elite status. Unsurprisingly, he has been compared to former Pirate signal-caller Jeff Blake, now starting with the Cincinnati Bengals.

Trouble may await the Pirate backfield with top rusher Jerris McPhail gone. Someone must emerge from the pack in Logan's frequently used one-back set. The job falls to last year's backups, sophomore fullbacks Scott Harley, the leading returning rusher (263 yards on 62 carries), and Raymond Mabry.

H-back Mitchell Galloway returns for his



**Marcus Crandell**

senior year after leading the team in receiving with 46 catches for 619 yards and three touchdowns. Junior Jason Nichols added 43 receptions for 502 yards and two scores. Keep an eye on juniors Linwood DeBrew, Galloway's backup, and Larry Shannon, one of the nation's tallest (6-6) split ends. Shannon's numbers (346 yards on 24 catches, 14.4 yards per catch) and raw talent (a 38-inch vertical leap and 4.5 speed in the 40) suggest his future is bright.

The tight end is senior Scott Richards, who contributed 33 receptions last season, with fellow senior Sean Richardson in reserve.

Three starters, all seniors, return to anchor the offensive line. They are left guard Jamie Gray, right guard Lamont Burns and right tackle Ron

Suddith. The left tackle is projected to be junior Stacey Whitehead, with sophomore Danny Moore manning the center spot. Sophomore left guard Corey Russell and senior right guard Shane McPherson lend support.

On the defensive line, sophomore nose guard Travis Darden registered 47 tackles as a true freshman starter last fall. He will be joined by tackles Mondell Corbett, a sophomore, and Lorenzo West, a senior. West recorded 56 tackles, including six for losses and a team-leading nine sacks. Corbett replaces the departed Walter Scott. Depth will come from senior nose guard Terrell Williams and freshman tackle Dwayne Ledford.

Few teams lost a pair of linebackers the caliber of Mark Libiano (122 tackles) and Morris Foreman. In addition, fellow starter Aaron Black is gone. The candidates to replace them include sophomore Roderick Coleman (45 tackles) and senior B.J. Crane on the outside, and senior Carlos Brown (61 tackles) on the inside opposite senior Marvin Burke (91 total tackles, third-best on the team), a returning starter.

With the Hart twins back, the Pirates' secondary should be in fine shape. Now seniors, the Harts (strong safety Daren and free safety David) have been instrumental in the development of East Carolina football in the mid-1990s. Last season, Daren tallied 92 tackles (second-best on the team), a team-leading 10 tackles for losses and three interceptions. David added 65 tackles.

Manning the left cornerback position will be sophomore Kelvin Suggs. Senior Dwight Henry is the returning starter at the right corner. He made 58 tackles last year.

Senior placekicker Chad Holcomb hit 10-of-17 field goals (with a long one of 42 yards) in 1995. Junior Matt Levine averaged a modest 37.1 yards on 60 punts. The return game is anchored by Nichols (8.1-yard punt-return average) and Galloway (18.5-yard average on 30 kickoff returns).

Logan is optimistic about his defense despite the various personnel losses, particularly the departures of Foreman and Scott. "We've been playing about 22 players on defense the past few seasons, so I feel confident," he says.

During the past two years, Logan has been an outspoken advocate of East Carolina football and Pirate athletics in general. He is quick to stress that his school deserves to be invited to join one of the nation's eight power conferences, specifically either the Big East or Conference USA.

Furthermore, he has praised his football program's supporters and urged them to follow the team to Memphis for the last two Liberty Bowls.

"Our fans are a tremendous asset to our program," Logan states. "We took 17,000 fans to Memphis last December."

With another eight-win season possible, Logan and the Pirates are looking for a return trip to the Bluff City this December and will battle C-USA's Cincinnati and Louisville for the opportunity.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (9)

WR	80	Larry Shannon (Jr., 2); 26 Troy Smith (So., 1)
LT	76	Stacey Whitehead (Jr., 1); 50 Mami Masimiri (So., 1)
LG	59	Jamie Gray (Sr., 2); 70 Corey Russell (So., 1)
C	54	Danny Moore (So., 0); 72 Ed Watkins (Sr., 0)
RG	64	Lamont Burns (Sr., 2); 67 Shane McPherson (Sr., 3)
RT	61	Ron Suddith (Sr., 3); 74 Mark McCall (Sr., 1)
TE	90	Scott Richards (Sr., 3); 88 Sean Richardson (Sr., 3)
QB	5	Marcus Crandell (Sr., 3); 9 Dan Gonzalez (Jr., 2)
FB	44	Scott Harley (So., 1); 19 Raymond Mabry (So., 1)
HB	82	Mitchell Galloway (Sr., 3); 20 Linwood DeBrew (Jr., 2)
FL	1	Jason Nichols (Jr., 2); 87 Lamont Chappell (Fr., 0)
PK	24	Chad Holcomb (Sr., 3)

### DEFENSE (6)

DT	78	Mondell Corbett (So., 1); 56 Alphonso Collins (Jr., 1)
NG	95	Travis Darden (So., 1); 97 Terrell Williams (Sr., 1)
DT	45	Lorenzo West (Sr., 3); 99 Dwayne Ledford (Fr., 0)
OLB	57	Roderick Coleman (So., 1); 58 Freddie Claybrooks (Fr., 0)
WLB	53	Carlos Brown (Sr., 3); 84 Jeff Kerr (Fr., 0)
MLB	51	Marvin Burke (Sr., 3); 32 Shep Sopaniak (So., 1)
OLB	33	B.J. Crane (Sr., 3); 49 Matt Semenza (Jr., 1)
LCB	8	Kevin Suggs (So., 1); 28 Tabari Wallace (Jr., 2)
SS	22	Daren Hart (Sr., 3); 38 Deone McKelthan (So., 1)
FS	21	David Hart (Sr., 3); 11 Tavares Taylor (So., 1)
RCB	30	Dwight Henry (Sr., 3); 42 Bernard Lackey (So., 1)
P	10	Matt Levine (Jr., 2)

(R) indicates Receiver or Running Back  
(QB) indicates Quarterback  
(NUMBER) Area Coach's Record Last Season



**Head Coach:** Bruce Snyder  
**1995 Record (Pac-10):** 6-5-0 (4-4-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 3rd Pac-10

**A**round Tempe, Ariz., people believe in omens, and chief among these is Bruce Snyder's track record. Snyder led California to a 10-2 record in his fifth season in Berkeley, and this is his fifth season at the helm at Arizona State. Snyder, however, is more concerned with numbers than omens, and he points with optimism to these: 47 returning lettermen and 85 scholarship players.

"It's taken us five years to build those numbers," he says. "I have high expectations."

Mainly, he expects Jake "The Snake" Plummer to be one of the country's top quarterbacks.

"I put him in the same class as (Florida's) Danny Wuerffel and (Tennessee's) Peyton Manning," Snyder says. "You can't be a really good team without a good quarterback."

Plummer has been in Tempe long enough to see the cactus grow a couple of feet taller. As the returning All-Pacific-10 quarterback, the 6-2 senior has everyone at Arizona State excited — and everyone else in the conference concerned.

"He's the best quarterback returning in the league," says Rocky Long, UCLA's new defensive coordinator, who tried to construct Oregon State defenses to stop him a year ago. "He has a good arm and a good mind, and you can't rattle him. He's so mobile that he gets out of trouble and then makes a play."

Plummer has passed for 6,051 yards and 41 touchdowns in three years. He needs just 667 passing yards, 75 more attempts and 68 more completions to rank as Arizona State's all-time leader in those categories.

Plummer's backups are junior Jason Verdugo and 6-8 sophomore Steve Campbell, both of whom have played sparingly.

Chris Hopkins is gone, but junior Michael Martin returns at tailback with playing time under his belt, as does junior Terry Battle. After missing all of the 1994 season due to knee surgery, Martin was the second-leading Sun Devil rusher in '95 with 566 yards on 138 carries. Battle tallied 474 yards on 98 carries. Both are so sure-handed that the Sun Devils went through the entire 1995 season without a tailback losing a fumble.

Arizona State calls the fullback position "fly-back," but sophomore Jeff Paulk is certainly no flyweight. He's 245 pounds of devastating blocker. Paulk, who missed spring drills because of finger surgery, will be spelled by sophomore Kevin Tommasini, a backup linebacker and special teams player for the Sun Devils last fall.

A trivia question: USC's Keyshawn Johnson was half of the All-Pac-10 receiver tandem last season. Who was the other half?

The answer: senior Keith Poole, who has quietly (except in Tempe) established himself as a top receiver, with catches in 22 straight games heading into this season. In 1995, he snared 55 aerials for 1,036 yards and seven touchdowns.

The other wideout is 6-4 senior Isaiah



Jake Plummer

Mustafa, who finished second in the California high school decathlon in 1993 and '94, with senior Steve Bush returning at tight end. Senior Derrick Charles and sophomores Kenny Mitchell and Ricky Boyer offer quality depth and additional targets in multi-receiver sets.

For four seasons, Snyder has talked of building a foundation, and in 6-8, 319-pound All-America tackle Juan Roque, the coach has a base nearly large enough to support Sun Devil Stadium. And Roque is as talented as he is big.

Sophomore Grey Ruegamer started four games at center last season but has been moved to right tackle for the upcoming campaign. The guards are senior Pat Thompson and junior Kyle Murphy. Senior Kirk Robertson returns at center.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (9)

WR	3	Keith Poole (Sr., 3); 81 Kenny Mitchell (So., 1)
OT	74	Juan Roque (Sr., 3); 79 Troy Davis (So., 0)
OG	67	Pat Thompson (Sr., 2); 64 Mike Barnes (So., 1)
C	65	Kirk Robertson (Sr., 2); 56 Kyle Murphy (Jr., 2)
QB	56	Kyle Murphy (Jr., 2); 70 Glen Gable (Jr., 2)
OT	51	Grey Ruegamer (So., 1); 78 Anthony Jones (Jr., 1)
TE	82	Steve Bush (Sr., 3); 88 Devin Kendall (Sr., 1)
WR	7	Isaiah Mustafa (Sr., 1); 6 Derrick Charles (Sr., 1)
QB	16	Jake Plummer (Sr., 3); 15 Jason Verdugo (Jr., 2)
TB	29	Michael Martin (Jr., 1); 8 Terry Battle (Jr., 1)
FB	44	Jeff Paulk (So., 1); 45 Kevin Tommasini (So., 1)
PK	41	Robert Nycz (Jr., 1)

### DEFENSE (10)

DE	94	Brent Burnstein (Sr., 3); 46 Derrick Ford (So., 0)
DT	99	Shawn Swayda (Sr., 3); 55 Ryan Reilly (Fr., 0)
DE	96	Jason Reynolds (Jr., 2); 98 Vince Amey (Jr., 2)
DT	93	Malchi Crawford (Jr., 2); 97 Albrecht Battle (So., 2)
LB	50	Scott Von der Ahe (Jr., 1); 30 Larry Johnson (So., 1)
LB	36	Derek Smith (Sr., 1); 47 Chris Finn (Sr., 2)
LB	42	Pat Tillman (Jr., 2); 37 James Kelly (Fr., 0)
CB	10	Jason Simmons (Jr., 2); 12 Lamont Morgan (So., 1)
FS	13	Mitchell Freedman (So., 1); 9 Thomas Simmons (Jr., 2)
SS	39	Damien Richardson (Jr., 2); 22 Raenard Turpin (Sr., 3)
CB	1	Traivon Johnson (Sr., 2); 32 Marcus Soward (Sr., 3)
P	17	Lance Anderson (Sr., 2)

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Injuries hobbled the defense last season but enabled several players to log valuable playing time, which should pay dividends in 1996.

The returning tackles, junior Jason Reynolds and senior Shawn Swayda, have seen bad times and are ready for some good ones. Reynolds' forte is rushing the passer (six sacks last fall), and Swayda's is standing firm on the line of scrimmage, where he totaled 35 tackles despite starting only four games because of ankle problems.

The ends are senior Brent Burnstein, one of only two defenders who started every game in '95, and junior Malchi Crawford. Junior Vince Amey offers depth at tackle, and sophomore Albrey Battle can play tackle or end.

Junior Scott Von der Ahe was a scout team fixture until last season, when he got a chance to play and had coaches wondering why they hadn't noticed him before. He led the Sun Devils with 92 tackles from his inside linebacker spot and returned his lone pass interception for a score against Brigham Young. Senior Derek Smith also returns at linebacker, with junior Pat Tillman, who started one game last season at the other. Sophomore Larry Johnson and senior Chris Finn provide quality depth.

Junior strong safety Damien Richardson is a two-year starter who made 74 tackles last season. Sophomore Mitchell Freedman logged 80 tackles in '95 and returns at free safety. The cornerbacks are junior Jason Simmons, who deflected 11 passes but is returning from off-season knee surgery, and senior Traivon Johnson. Senior Marcus Soward was a starting cornerback two seasons ago but received a medical redshirt last year because of a hamstring injury.

Senior Lance Anderson returns for his fourth season as the Sun Devils' punter. He has been consistent, with an approximate 39-yard average in each of his first three years. Junior Robert Nycz stepped in as the placement specialist last season after setting national junior college records at Bakersfield CC.

While he doesn't boast blazing speed, Poole provides sure hands to return punts. With Hopkins gone, junior Terry Battle will again become the primary kick returner; he returned 27 for a 20.3-yard average two seasons ago.

Says Snyder: "If we just stay the same on offense and get, say, 30 points a game, we have the kickers and punters to be successful. The difference is that we have to be 15-20 percent better on defense. If that happens, the three games we lost last season by a total of eight points (to Washington, Stanford and Arizona) become wins, and we're 9-2 and going to the Rose Bowl."

The schedule works in Arizona State's favor, with the first five games set for the cauldron that is Tempe in late summer and early fall. Among those is a date with Nebraska, which whipped the Sun Devils 77-28 last year and is very familiar with Sun Devil Stadium, having hammered Florida there for the national championship.



**Head Coach:** Ron McBride  
**1995 Record (WAC):** 7-4-0 (6-2-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 1st WAC Mountain

**S**uddenly, Utah decided it would not be a rebuilding season after all.

Refusing to settle for a so-so record, even after losing all seven of their All-WAC players from the previous year, the Utes won the last four games of 1995 to finish 7-4. Utah also won a share of its first WAC title in 32 years, while beating rival BYU for the third straight season.

Although the Utes failed to make a fourth straight bowl appearance, the year verified that coach Ron McBride has built a strong program.

"I don't know how (McBride) has done it," says Fresno State coach Jim Swiney. "Whatever his secret is, I'd like to have it."

The Utes face high expectations and a tough slate this fall. Non-conference games with Stanford and Kansas will be challenging, and Utah has only five home games after playing seven last year.

"We expect a lot out of this team, because this team has been through the wars together," says McBride.

Senior quarterback Mike Fouts was known for a strong arm and erratic decision-making prior to last season but was smooth and polished by the end of the year. Fouts (nephew of NFL great Dan Fouts) became the Utes' starter in the third game, completing 55 percent of his passes for 2,581 yards, 18 touchdowns and 12 interceptions.

Senior Brandon Jones, last year's original starter, returns, but junior college transfer Jon Crosswhite and freshman Darnell Arceneaux will contest.

"We've solidified our quarterback situation from being a weak position to one of our strongest," says offensive coordinator Fred Graves.

Among the Utes' key discoveries last season was fullback Chris Fuamatu-Ma'afala, who rushed for 834 yards (5.9-yard average) and was voted WAC Freshman of the Year. It's no wonder Graves calls the 272-pounder with 4.6 speed "the franchise."

"He's a load," says Colorado State defensive coordinator Larry Kerr. "He's the prototype big back in a one-back offense. He was really impressive."

The Utes can use Fuamatu-Ma'afala in a one-back set or pair him with tailbacks Juan Johnson (743 yards as a sophomore) or Omar Bacon, who showed encouraging signs as a freshman.

The Utes should have the WAC's best group of receivers. Senior Rocky Henry and junior Kevin Dyson both caught 55 passes last season, and they're dangerous when slanting across the field on middle-screen routes.

"It's a big play for them," says BYU defensive coordinator Ken Schmidt. "They use it a lot and they use it effectively."

Terence Keehan, a senior who can also punt, was a solid third receiver with 16 catches.

Utah lost two tight ends, but McBride calls the position "a real strength." Junior Chris Jahries is the top candidate, and junior college transfers C.J. Johnson and Terry Noice should play considerably, given Utah's frequent use of an H-back in addition to a tight end.



Chris Fuamatu-Ma'afala

The offensive line's development helped make the squad mesh last season, prompting McBride to say, "By about the fifth game, they went from being a weakness to being a strength."

The Utes must replace both starting tackles, but sophomore Josh Cochran and senior Barry Sims appear capable, and junior college transfer Devin Grant from Vancouver, British Columbia, will arrive in August. Sophomores Todd Jackson and Darren Walker return at the guard spots, and senior Chad Folk is back at center.

Utah recovered from a slow start to finish fifth in the WAC in total offense last year.

"It's a far cry from the offense you saw early last year," says Graves. "They're a talented group. Now, it's a matter of getting them to play together."

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (6)

WR	1	Kevin Dyson (Jr., 2); 18 Terence Keehan (Sr., 2)
LT	58	Josh Cochran (So., 1); 78 Jay Link (So., 0)
LG	69	Todd Jackson (So., 1); 64 Erik Stuhr (Sr., 0)
C	59	Chad Folk (Sr., 1); 55 Darren Walker (So., 1)
RG	55	Darren Walker (So., 1); 70 Danny Davis (Jr., 2)
RT	63	Barry Sims (Sr., 1); 72 Nate Sybrowsky (So., 1)
TE	82	Chris Jahries (Jr., 2); 84 C.J. Johnson (Jr., 0)
WR	23	Rocky Henry (Sr., 1); 25 Donny Utu (Fr., 0)
QB	7	Mike Fouts (Sr., 1); 12 Brandon Jones (Sr., 2)
RB	2	Juan Johnson (Jr., 2); 24 Omar Bacon (So., 1)
FB	6	Chris Fuamatu-Ma'afala (So., 1); 83 Johnny Converse (Fr., 0)
PK	30	Daniel Pulsipher (Sr., 3)

### DEFENSE (6)

RE	88	Nate Kia (Sr., 3); 56 Michael Baukman (Sr., 0)
RT	96	Vince Tauanuu (Sr., 1); 92 Chad Pierce (So., 1)
LT	91	Pene Talamahao (Jr., 1); 94 Fisi Moleni (Fr., 0)
LE	45	Chad Kauhaahaa (Sr., 2); 99 Jeff Kaufusi (Sr., 1)
WLB	38	Armand Boglin (Sr., 1); 35 Robert Lowe (So., 1)
MLB	49	Jason Hooks (Jr., 2); 85 Taullia Lave (Fr., 0)
SLB	46	Chris Godfrey (Jr., 2); 53 Ben Brown (Sr., 0)
RC	5	Calbert Beck (Jr., 2); 3 Jimmy Nolan (Jr., 0)
FS	8	Harold Lusk (Sr., 3); 24 Keith Harrison (Jr., 1)
SS	42	Brandon Dart (So., 0); 17 Mark Livingston (Fr., 1)
LC	20	Clarence Lawson (Jr., 2); 9 Artis Jackson (Sr., 1)
P	30	Daniel Pulsipher (Sr., 3)

JR: Junior, SR: Senior, SO: Sophomore, FR: Freshman  
 BOLD: Sophomore, Freshman, and Junior  
 NUMBER: First Name, Last Name, Year

The Utes finished a strong third in the WAC in total defense last year and were surprisingly strong up front. Senior Chad Kauhaahaa was fourth on the team in tackles, and he and senior Nate Kia return as starting ends. Senior Jeff Kaufusi is also back after being injured in 1995.

The coaches are concerned about the tackle spots, where senior Vince Tauanuu and junior Pene Talamahao have limited experience. Much is expected from junior college transfer Ryan Akina. "He'll be the difference-maker," McBride says.

Injuries limited junior Jason Hooks to six games at middle linebacker in 1995. With junior Chris Godfrey and senior Armand Boglin back at the outside positions, Utah's main concern is depth.

Senior Harold Lusk "should be the best free safety in the country," says McBride. A former quarterback, Lusk led the WAC with six interceptions and needs four this year to equal the school record of 17. He was second on the team in tack-

**"We expect a lot out of this team, because this team has been through the wars together."**

—Ron McBride

les (82) and was Utah's only All-WAC selection.

Sophomore Brandon Dart, injured shortly after returning an interception 97 yards for a touchdown in the first game, is back at strong safety. The cornerbacks are juniors Calbert Beck, who had three interceptions, and Clarence Lawson. Freshman Nin Burns should also play, joining junior college transfer Jamal Allen among other candidates in the secondary.

Utah's defense is "very emotional," says BYU quarterback Steve Sarkisian. "They play with a lot of enthusiasm, a lot of energy. They mix up their looks very well, and they have a lot of big guys inside. I anticipate their having probably the best defense coming back in the league this year."

Senior kicker Daniel Pulsipher is among Utah's most intriguing athletes. In losses to Oregon and Colorado State, he was the Utes' deadliest offensive weapon, with two carries for 92 yards and a touchdown from punt formation. He also made 17-of-22 field-goal attempts and 31-of-33 extra-point attempts and averaged 37 yards per punt.

Beck and Lawson both averaged 22 yards on kickoff returns. Burns is likely to return punts.

Not surprisingly, McBride wants to improve his coverage units, considering the Utes were last in the WAC in net punting. He figures many high-caliber athletes in the program will help.

The Utes seem to have conquered BYU (after going 2-19 against the Cougars from 1972-92). And the other co-champs (Air Force and Colorado State) from last fall are in the Pacific Division. Thus, Utah is a favorite in the Mountain Division, to which McBride responds: "We need to keep constant pressure on our players to achieve. The minute you think you're pretty good, you get pretty bad fast."



**Head Coach:** Glen Mason  
**1995 Record (Big Eight):** 10-2-0 (5-2-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 3rd Big 12 North

**W**hen Glen Mason left Ohio State to become the head coach at Kent State, Woody Hayes gave him some advice: Work hard, win and get out as fast as you can. But, Hayes added, Mason should make every decision as if he were going to remain for the long term.

"I've taken that advice," Mason said last year, as he led his eighth Kansas team to a 10-2 record, a second-place tie in the Big Eight and a 51-30 victory against UCLA in the Aloha Bowl. "I've made every decision here like I'm staying 25 years."

Mason almost applied the first part of Hayes' advice to his job at Kansas, announcing in December that he would be leaving to become coach at Georgia. Then a week later, before the Aloha Bowl game on Christmas Day, Mason announced that he had changed his mind and would remain at Kansas.

"It's waffling and that's not my style," Mason said. "I profoundly apologize."

Kansas athletic director Bob Frederick readily accepted him back.

Mason did change his offense last season, incorporating more passing in what had been a ground-bound attack. The Jayhawks ranked No. 91 in the nation in passing in 1994 before improving to No. 68 in '95.

The responsibility of keeping them at that level falls to senior quarterback Ben Rutz, who played in only six games as a backup last season after transferring from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M. Rutz threw only 19 passes, completing eight for 92 yards, with one interception.

Rutz underwent surgery to repair a partial ligament tear suffered during spring practice, but Mason was optimistic that he would be ready this fall. If Rutz hasn't recovered, junior Matt Johnner and redshirt freshman Zac Wegner are available.

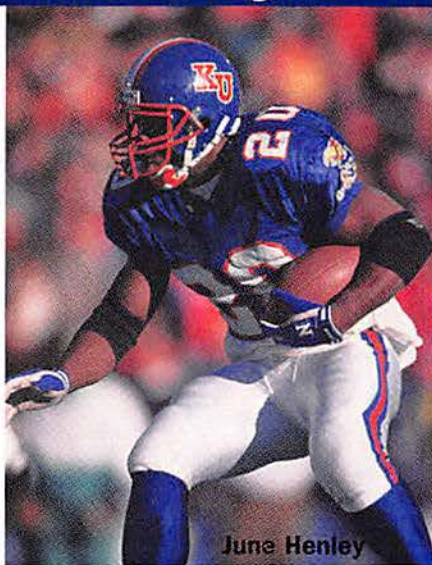
Even though Kansas passed more often and more effectively in 1995, running the ball is the basis of Mason's offensive philosophy. Last season, the Jayhawks ranked 23rd in the nation.

Senior running back June Henley led the team in all-purpose yards with 1,270 and was named second-team All-Big Eight. He rushed for 766 yards and eight touchdowns and caught 26 passes for 312 yards. He ranks fifth on the Jayhawks' career rushing list and second in career touchdowns with 25, three shy of the school record.

Juniors Eric Galbreath and Eric Vann are the best of the rest. Galbreath, a little-used backup, ran hurdles for Kansas' track team to improve his conditioning. Vann carried 48 times for 235 yards and two touchdowns.

Mason's increased emphasis on passing translated into 18 receptions for 224 yards and three touchdowns for senior Jim Moore, who started every game at tight end and earned all-conference honorable mention.

Senior Isaac Byrd, the center fielder on Kansas' baseball team, was the top receiver, catching 48 passes for 604 yards and five touchdowns. Byrd



June Henley

Drew Peterson

also received all-conference honorable mention.

Senior Andre Carter went into the spring at No. 1 on the depth chart opposite Byrd, but he has been hampered by injuries. Some of the younger receivers will have to step up.

Five interior linemen have starting experience, though junior tackle Derrick Chandler started only once, and senior Jim Stiebel's six starts a year ago were at center instead of guard, where he was moved in the spring.

Senior tackle Scott Whittaker earned all-conference honorable mention last season and provides solid experience. Chandler played well enough in the spring that sophomore Justin Glasgow was moved from tackle to guard. He and sophomore Shawn Vang provide depth there.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (8)

WR	1	Isaac Byrd (Sr., 1); 9 Reggie Mooror (Fr., 0)
LT	71	Derrick Chandler (Jr., 2); 68 Chris Enneking (Fr., 0)
LG	55	Jim Stiebel (Sr., 2); 76 Justin Glasgow (So., 0)
C	65	Jared Smith (Sr., 3); 55 Jim Stiebel (Sr., 2)
RG	77	Cleve Roberts (So., 1); 72 Shawn Vang (So., 1)
RT	79	Scott Whittaker (Sr., 3); 75 Rob Wise (Jr., 0)
TE	89	Jim Moore (Sr., 3); 81 Shane Rooney (So., 1)
QB	8	Ben Rutz (Sr., 1); 18 Matt Johnner (Jr., 1)
RB	30	Eric Galbreath (Jr., 2); 44 Jonathan Macklin (So., 0)
RB	20	June Henley (Sr., 3); 35 Julius Bruce (So., 0)
WR	80	Andre Carter (Sr., 3); 82 Chad Coellner (Fr., 0)
PK	36	Jeff McCord (Jr., 2)

### DEFENSE (7)

OLB	47	Patrick Brown (So., 1); 2 Freddie Hammonds (So., 1)
DT	83	Dewey Houston III (Jr., 2); 90 Dan Dercher (So., 1)
NT	70	Brett McGraw (Jr., 2); 94 Pat Bishop (Jr., 1)
DT	57	Kevin Kopp (Sr., 3); 58 J.J. Johnson (So., 1)
OLB	49	Chris Jones (Sr., 3); 58 J.J. Johnson (So., 1)
ILB	46	Ronnie Ward (Sr., 3); 60 Steve Bratten (So., 1)
ILB	38	Jason Thoren (Jr., 2); 52 Tyrus Fontenot (Fr., 0)
LC	23	Jason Harris (Jr., 2); 7 Mitch Bowles (Fr., 0)
SS	24	Maurice Gaddie (Jr., 2); 5 Thad Rawls (Fr., 0)
FS	28	Tony Blevins (Sr., 2); 43 Michael Allen (So., 1)
RC	37	Jamie Harris (So., 1); 29 Manolito Jones (Jr., 1)
P	41	Dean Royal (Jr., 0)

(\*) Indicates Number of Returns, Breakdown  
 BOLD indicates sophomore status  
 NUMBER After Quarterback, Linebacker, Wide Receiver

Sophomore guard Cleve Roberts started 10 games as a true freshman. Stiebel, a transfer from Nebraska, started the first six games at center last season before being sidelined by a knee sprain. Senior Jared Smith replaced him as the starter for the remainder of the campaign.

Mason restructured his defense last season, replacing a 5-2 base alignment with a 3-4. The results were significant: The Jayhawks were third in the Big Eight in scoring defense, and they ranked 19th in the nation in turnover margin.

Everyone returns up front. Senior Kevin Kopp and juniors Brett McGraw and Dewey Houston were the starters last season. McGraw led the down linemen in tackles with 31, one of which was a sack. He also recovered a fumble. Kopp recorded 30 tackles, including a sack.

Sophomore Dan Dercher alternated with Houston and started twice. Junior Pat Bishop, the backup at nose tackle, played in every game.

Senior Ronnie Ward and junior Jason Thoren are solid inside linebackers. Ward was the team's leading tackler in 1994 but missed last season with a shoulder injury. Thoren led the team in tackles a year ago with 119, including six for losses. He intercepted three passes and recovered two fumbles to earn second-team all-conference recognition. Sophomore Steve Bratten started five games on the inside and finished with 39 tackles.

Senior Chris Jones is a returning starter on the outside. He made 57 tackles, including eight for losses. He also intercepted a pass, which he returned 32 yards for a touchdown in a 42-23 victory against Missouri. Sophomore Patrick Brown had one start, against Colorado.

Junior strong safety Maurice Gaddie led the secondary in tackles with 93. Senior Tony Blevins returns after missing a year rehabilitating a knee injury.

Sophomore Jamie Harris and junior Jason Harris (no relation) have starting experience at cornerback. Jamie Harris started eight games after junior Avery Randle was sidelined by a knee injury and made 44 tackles, broke up nine passes, intercepted a pass and recovered two fumbles.

Junior Jeff McCord returns as the placekicker. He was 9-of-12 on field goals last season. Dean Royal, a transfer from Tyler (Texas) Junior College, is expected to handle the punting chores.

Byrd returned punts last season, and Henley averaged 17.5 yards on 11 kickoff returns.

The Jayhawks were picked to finish fifth in the conference last season by the area media. They were young — 68 of the 99 players on the Aloha Bowl roster were freshmen or sophomores.

"When you look back to last year, we had so many question marks, so many holes to fill, so many young players, I can see where you'd say we didn't have much of a chance," Mason says.

Kansas won't have that element of surprise this season. But it will have Mason, who was chosen as the Big Eight Coach of the Year. And coaching stability can be an important element of success.



**Head Coach:** Bill Snyder  
**1995 Record (Big Eight):** 10-2-0 (5-2-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 4th Big 12 North

**K**ansas State president Jon Wefald called the Wildcats' 41-7 victory against Kansas at Manhattan last season the biggest victory in Bill Snyder's seven years as head coach.

Snyder gave a more reserved assessment. "Jon's speaking for Jon; I speak for me," Snyder says, "and I don't know if that's the case. It may be."

Certainly, the context was significant. The week before, Kansas State had suffered its first loss after six victories, falling to Nebraska 49-25 in Lincoln.

Kansas State was too "emotionally charged" against Nebraska, says Snyder. "That's my responsibility and my fault. I think I put them in a position where, maybe, they were destined to fail."

Still, Snyder is determined to measure his program against the best. "There's a maturity level where you can handle emotion and execution at the same time," he says.

Snyder hopes that maturity starts at quarterback. In the second quarter of a 54-21 victory against Colorado State in the Holiday Bowl, Brian Kavanagh came off the bench, and before the night was over, he had secured the No. 1 quarterback job for 1996.

Kavanagh, now a senior, completed 18-of-24 passes for 242 yards and four touchdowns to earn the Holiday Bowl's Most Valuable Player award.

Senior Cody Lee Smith and sophomore Casey Vidricksen provide Snyder with stability at this all-important position.

The Wildcats had their best running attack in 13 years last season. Even so, they ranked last in the Big Eight in rushing offense, averaging 172.1 yards per game.

Juniors Eric Hickson and Mike Lawrence combined to rush for 1,415 yards and 11 touchdowns. Hickson averaged a school-record 5.2 yards per carry and rushed for 100 or more yards five times to earn all-conference honorable mention. Lawrence rushed for 100 or more yards twice, including a career-best 118 yards against Kansas. Hickson had 121 yards in that game.

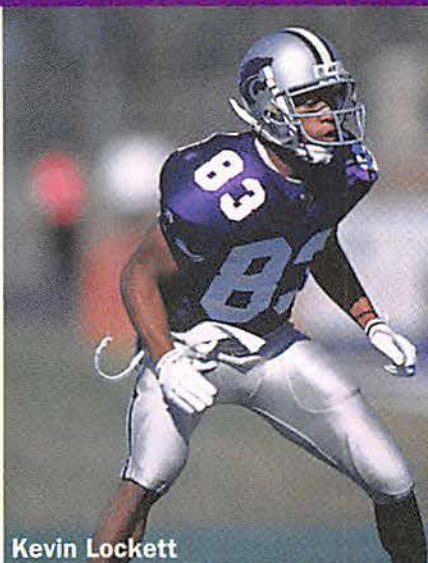
Brian Goolsby, a redshirt freshman, moves in as the No. 1 fullback, with junior Matt Gangwish as a backup.

Kevin Lockett, a senior, is the only returning wideout, but he's a good one. He was a unanimous All-Big Eight selection after leading the conference in receiving with 56 catches for 797 yards and a school-record 13 touchdowns. One of the touchdown catches came on the final play in a 23-21 victory at Cincinnati.

Senior Jimmy Dean was the fourth receiver in 1995, catching eight passes for 76 yards. Other available wide receivers lack experience.

Junior Jarrett Grosdidier and sophomore Justin Swift have moved up at tight end. Grosdidier has earned two letters as a backup.

There is some experience along the offensive front. Senior center Jason Johnson, a two-time Academic All-District honoree, received all-conference honorable mention from the league's



Kevin Lockett

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coaches. Despite being bothered by a wrist injury, he graded 88 percent last season. Johnson has been penalized only twice in the last two seasons, evidence of his consistency.

Junior guard Kendyl Jacox also earned all-conference honorable mention. Jacox allowed only one sack and four quarterback hurries in 300 passing attempts.

Senior guard Ross Greenwood is the other returning starter. When he was sidelined by injury for six games, sophomore Jeremy Martin stepped in. Senior Brian O'Neil also has started twice at guard, giving the Wildcats plenty of experience in the middle.

That's not the case at the tackles, where junior Todd Weiner, sophomore Ryan Young, and red-

shirt freshmen Damian McIntosh and Ian Moses are among the top candidates.

Kansas State finished 10-2 and ranked seventh nationally in large part because of a veteran defense. Several key players are gone from a group that led the nation in total defense. Senior end Nyle Wiren is the only returning starter up front. Though slowed by injuries last season after earning all-conference recognition as a sophomore, he managed eight sacks for 46 yards in losses, caused two fumbles and accounted for two safeties.

Senior Thad Swazer and redshirt freshman Darren Howard are the top two ends on the other side. Senior Andrew Timmons was in the rotation at tackle. Also in the picture are senior Brock Stefan, a converted offensive lineman, and redshirt freshmen Jason Hogaboom and Lance Grace.

Sophomore linebacker Travis Ochs was the Big Eight Defensive Freshman of the Year. He was credited with 73 tackles, including 29 unassisted and two for losses. He broke up four passes and intercepted one.

Senior DeShawn Fogle has been a regular at linebacker since his freshman year and has shown flashes of brilliance. The other linebacking spot will be filled from a group that includes senior Jabbar Williams, junior Casey Wehrman, sophomore Joe Bob Clements, redshirt freshman Mark Simoneau and true freshman Turelle Williams.

The strength of the defense is definitely the secondary, and junior cornerback Chris Canty is the best of the best. Canty was a consensus All-American last season, the first Kansas State sophomore to be so honored. Canty tied for tops in the nation in pass interceptions with a school-record eight and returned two for touchdowns. He also broke up 17 passes.

Senior cornerback Joe Gordon, a two-time All-Big Eight selection, is similarly talented. He made 48 tackles (28 solo) and played five games in which the opposition didn't complete a pass against him in man-to-man coverage.

Senior free safety Mario Smith has been overshadowed by Canty and Gordon. But he was the defensive MVP in the Holiday Bowl and finished second on the team in tackles with 95, including 58 unassisted. Junior Monty Spiller is among the top candidates to start at strong safety.

Kansas State's kicking game is solid. Junior Martin Gramatica has been the regular placekicker for two seasons and has converted 13-of-19 field-goal attempts in his career, including 7-of-10 a year ago. Sophomore James Garcia averaged 41.5 yards per punt as a true freshman.

Canty likely will return punts, while Dean, Lawrence and Hickson will return kickoffs.

The Wildcats will be better offensively but not quite as good defensively, given their losses from the nation's top-ranked defense of a year ago. They play Texas Tech in Manhattan on Aug. 31 in the first-ever Big 12 (inter-divisional) game, so it could be immediately apparent what direction their 1996 campaign is likely to take.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (5)

WR	83	Kevin Lockett (Sr., 3); 13 J.W. Wight (Jr., 0)
LT	75	Todd Weiner (Jr., 1); 77 Damian McIntosh (Fr., 0)
LG	79	Ross Greenwood (Sr., 3); 68 Brian O'Neil (Sr., 2)
C	64	Jason Johnson (Sr., 3); 73 Toosavili Ulutu (Sr., 1)
RG	74	Kendyl Jacox (Jr., 2); 78 Jeremy Martin (So., 1)
RT	76	Ryan Young (So., 1); 70 Ian Moses (Fr., 0)
TE	82	Jarrett Grosdidier (Jr., 2); 86 Justin Swift (So., 1)
QB	12	Brian Kavanagh (Sr., 2); 6 Casey Vidricksen (So., 0)
FB	30	Brian Goolsby (Fr., 0); 27 Matt Gangwish (Jr., 0)
RB	24	Eric Hickson (Jr., 2); 20 Mike Lawrence (Jr., 2)
WR	22	Jimmy Dean (Sr., 1); 84 Brian Jackson (So., 0)
PK	10	Martin Gramatica (Jr., 2)

### DEFENSE (6)

DE	44	Nyle Wiren (Sr., 3); 53 Mike Bush (So., 0)
DT	99	Andrew Timmons (Sr., 2); 93 Jason Hogaboom (Fr., 0)
DT	72	Brock Stefan (Sr., 1); 96 Lance Grace (Fr., 0)
DE	45	Thad Swazer (Sr., 1); 49 Darren Howard (Fr., 0)
LB	50	Travis Ochs (So., 1); 46 Joe Bob Clements (So., 1)
LB	8	DeShawn Fogle (Sr., 3); 51 Casey Wehrman (Jr., 1)
LB	56	Jabbar Williams (Sr., 1); 41 Turelle Williams (Fr., 0)
CB	2	Chris Canty (Jr., 2); 7 Clyde Johnson (Sr., 2)
FS	4	Mario Smith (Sr., 3); 5 David Conley (So., 1)
SS	9	Monty Spiller (Jr., 1); 32 Derek King (So., 0)
CB	1	Joe Gordon (Sr., 3); 29 Demetric Denmark (Jr., 0)
P	16	James Garcia (So., 1)

1995 INDICATES NUMBER OF RETURNING STARTERS  
 BOLD INDICATES RETURNING STARTERS  
 NUMBER AFTER CLASS INDICATES LETTERS WON



**Head Coach:**  
**1995 Record (SEC):**  
**1996 Pick:**

**Gerry DiNardo**  
**7-4-1 (4-3-1)**  
**3rd SEC West**

In his first year at Louisiana State's helm, Gerry DiNardo restored pride in a proud program that had endured six straight losing seasons. LSU's last winning campaign came in 1988, the year it won its seventh Southeastern Conference football championship. Then came the skids, first under Mike Archer and then Curley Hallman. Both were shown the door.

Enter DiNardo, former Notre Dame All-America lineman who returned Vanderbilt to respectability during four years there.

He realizes that last year's 7-4-1 record — including a 45-26 win over Michigan State in the Independence Bowl — only whetted appetites on the Bayou. Much more is expected.

"We ought to be a championship-caliber program," DiNardo says. "The pressure? I have no problem with it as long as enough people share the vision."

DiNardo insists his LSU debut was just a beginning. Recruiting, a DiNardo specialty, is paramount, especially in a state that annually produces national talent.

His coup at LSU came in 1995 when he kept prep All-America running back Kevin Faulk at home.

Just a freshman a year ago, quarterback Herb Tyler led the Tigers to four victories in his four starts. He completed 45-of-69 passes (65.2 percent) for 589 yards and five touchdowns, while yielding only two interceptions. Even more is expected of the sophomore New Orleans product.

"Herb is solidly our No. 1 quarterback," DiNardo says. "The big question is coming up with the No. 2 spot." The leading candidate is junior Melvin Hill, who has three starts.

Faulk lived up to advance billing by being named SEC Freshman Offensive Player of the Year. He gained 852 yards, including 171 yards against Mississippi State. Faulk's backup, fellow sophomore Kendall Cleveland, is no slouch, earning SEC All-Freshman honors after gaining 562 yards.

Senior Nicky Savoie, at 6-6, is not your typical fullback. He even played tight end last year.

LSU seemingly has always had great receivers. Both Eddie Kennison and Sheddric Wilson moved into the program's top 10 in receptions last season.

But Kennison opted for pro football and Wilson graduated, leaving LSU searching for receivers. Speed and talent are not problems; lack of experience is.

Vying for time at split end are sophomores Chris Beard (four catches) and Chris Cummings, and senior Kevin Franklin. Redshirt freshman Larry Foster is the probable starter at flanker.

At tight end the Tigers boast All-SEC senior David LaFleur, one of the nation's best.

Four starters return to an offensive front that became adept at both pass and run blocking.

Sophomore right guard Alan Faneca was an All-SEC freshman last year. He missed spring



Kevin Faulk

practice following shoulder surgery but is expected at full speed by fall drills. Flanking Faneca at right tackle is senior Ben Bordelon, a seasoned veteran who started 11 games.

Sophomore center Todd McClure got his first career start in the 10th game and impressed enough to keep the job. Senior Sean Wells is back at left tackle, while sophomore Ryan Thomassie will start at left guard.

Everyone expected All-SEC Gabe Northern and stalwart James Gillyard to pace a Tiger defense that eventually led the SEC in scoring defense. The surprise, though, came from the tackle tandem of junior Chuck Wiley, an All-SEC pick whose 85 tackles ranked third on the team, and sophomore Anthony McFarland, the

SEC's top freshman defender who was fifth on the team with 76 tackles.

"(McFarland) has a chance to be great if he continues to improve," LSU defensive coordinator Carl Reese says.

Leading end candidates are sophomore Arnold Miller, who played in 11 games, on the left side, and junior Kenny Mixon.

At linebacker, both outside slots return in senior Allen Stansberry on the strong side and senior Pat Rogers on the weak side. Stansberry led the team with 109 tackles.

"We put a premium on the ability to run and be athletic," LSU linebackers coach Bill Elias says. "Both Allen and Pat have those skills. We require them to cover backs and receivers, so they must be adept."

The Tigers lost consistent middle linebacker Robert Deshotel, but the probable starter, sopho-

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—Jackie Sherrill

more Markeith Spears, has considerable talent.

Three starting defensive backs return: junior right cornerback Troy Twillie, senior free safety Clarence Lenton and senior left cornerback Denard Walker, the leader of a secondary that topped the SEC in pass-efficiency defense. He finished sixth on the team in tackles.

Twillie is remembered by LSU fans for intercepting a potential winning touchdown pass in the Tigers' win over Auburn. Lenton was sixth in the SEC with three interceptions.

Strong safety appears headed to sophomore Greg Hill, the team's top reserve tackler.

All-SEC punter Chad Kessler, a junior, came out of nowhere to lead the league at 44.1 yards per punt.

Placekicking is another story. Gone is dependable Andre LaFleur. Waiting for his turn has been junior Wade Richey.

Returning punts and kickoffs is a job that appears headed to Faulk, the backup last year.

LSU has a lot going: a strong recruiting base, a loyal following, a tough place for opponents to play and one of the nation's top young coaches.

Challenging for the Western Division title is within reach, while a league championship is not out of question within a few years.

Mississippi State coach Jackie Sherrill says, "This is the best LSU team in the last four years. They're mentally sharper and they have better skill players."

High expectations of LSU fans are hard to reach. DiNardo understands that is all part of the equation.

"If the vision is that we can't do this just as a football team, but as an athletic department and as a university, then we should be a championship-caliber program," DiNardo says.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (8)

SE	84	Chris Beard (So., 1); 2 Kevin Franklin (Sr., 2)
LT	74	Sean Wells (Sr., 3); 70 Trey Champagne (Sr., 1)
LG	65	Ryan Thomassie (So., 1); 79 Naeshall Menard (Fr., 0)
C	72	Todd McClure (So., 1); 50 Marcus Camouche (Sr., 2)
RG	66	Alan Faneca (So., 1); 60 Adam Perry (Jr., 2)
RT	68	Ben Bordelon (Sr., 3); 76 Ryan Hebert (Fr., 0)
TE	47	David LaFleur (Sr., 3); 81 Jamal Pack (Fr., 0)
QB	14	Herb Tyler (So., 1); 17 Melvin Hill (Jr., 2)
TB	3	Kevin Faulk (So., 1); 32 Kendall Cleveland (So., 1)
FB	11	Nicky Savoie (Sr., 1); 87 Fumell Hankton (Jr., 0)
FL	22	Larry Foster (Fr., 0); 27 Brad Poole (Jr., 0)
PK	1	Wade Richey (Jr., 2)

### DEFENSE (7)

LDE	98	Arnold Miller (So., 1); 92 Roshawn Matthews (Fr., 0)
LDT	55	Chuck Wiley (Jr., 2); 91 Damien Tullier (Fr., 0)
RDT	94	Anthony McFarland (So., 1); 49 Trupiana Bonner (So., 0)
RDE	57	Kenny Mixon (Jr., 2); 90 Mike Sutton (Jr., 0)
SLB	43	Allen Stansberry (Sr., 3); 35 Charles Smith (Fr., 0)
MLB	42	Markeith Spears (So., 1); 38 Monte Gatlin (Fr., 0)
WLB	82	Pat Rogers (Sr., 3); 48 Joe Wesley (So., 1)
LCB	24	Denard Walker (Sr., 3); 40 David Butler (Sr., 3)
SS	25	Greg Hill (So., 1); 33 Raion Hill (So., 0)
FS	18	Clarence Lenton (Sr., 2); 26 Casey Howard (Sr., 3)
RCB	15	Troy Twillie (Jr., 2); 16 Brown Boudreaux (So., 0)
P	80	Chad Kessler (Jr., 2)

(R) Indicates transfer of returning starters.  
BOLD indicates returning starters.  
NUMBER After each season's letter win.



**Head Coach:** Ted Tollner  
**1995 Record (WAC):** 8-4-0 (5-3-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 1st WAC Pacific

**S**an Diego State has long been known for its offensive fireworks, and last year was no exception. The Aztecs led the Western Athletic Conference in scoring (33.4 points per game) and total offense (482.1-yard average), ranking 12th and seventh nationally, respectively.

Employing a one-back, no-huddle attack, San Diego State was also the first team in NCAA Division I-A history to boast a 3,000-yard passer, a 1,000-yard rusher and two 1,000-yard receivers.

But it was on defense where history truly repeated itself. When Claude Gilbert took over as defensive coordinator in 1969, San Diego State led the nation with 36 interceptions. Gilbert was the Aztecs' head coach from 1973-80, and current coach Ted Tollner was his offensive coordinator.

Tollner brought Gilbert back to Montezuma Mesa last year, and the Aztecs led the nation in interceptions, this time with 26. And for just the second time in nine seasons, they allowed fewer than 30 points a game (23.5 average). In fact, only three opponents scored more than 30, compared to six foes in 1994 and seven in '93.

It all added up to an 8-4 record and the program's first winning season since 1991. But for the third time in five years, the Aztecs played their final WAC game at home with a championship on the line — and lost.

"When you sit back and look at what we accomplished on the season, we feel confident that we're on the right track and that we'll come back even stronger in 1996," Tollner says.

The Aztecs return 35 of 53 lettermen, including eight starters on each side of the ball, plus both kickers.

Two of the first three games are against California (which San Diego State hammered 33-9 last fall) and Oklahoma, which will help the Aztecs tune up for the WAC schedule.

San Diego State football has long been synonymous with the forward pass — the program won two national passing titles when Tollner was offensive coordinator — and that hasn't changed despite the rushing heroics of George Jones (and Marshall Faulk before him). A year ago, the Aztecs and Ohio State were the only teams with a running back who scored 20 or more touchdowns and a quarterback who threw for 20 or more TDs.

Senior Billy Blanton completed 62.5 percent of his passes in 1995 for 3,300 yards and 23 touchdowns, with 14 interceptions.

"Where he has to come along is to be able to produce at his highest level in big games, the games you need to win to be a championship team," Tollner says.

George Jones, the country music superstar, once recorded a song titled "Who's Gonna Fill Their Shoes?" The Aztecs' Jones has not only filled Faulk's shoes; he has overflowed them. In his first year out of junior college, Jones set a WAC rushing record with 1,842 yards (he finished third nationally with 153.5 yards per game)



George Jones

while scoring 23 touchdowns and being named WAC Offensive Player of the Year. He played the last three games, in which he tallied a combined 384 yards, with a broken jaw.

"I don't know that he can accomplish more statistically than he did a year ago; that would be hard to do," Tollner says. "He's a durable, punishing runner, which we knew going into last season. What surprised us was the burst of speed he had once he got into the secondary."

Juniors Will Blackwell and Az Hakim form a tremendously talented twosome, one of the best wideout combos in college football. Blackwell made one highlight-film catch after another and tied a school record with 86 receptions, good for 1,207 yards and eight touchdowns. Hakim

grabbed 57 passes for 1,022 yards and eight TDs. They are particularly dangerous after they catch the ball.

Tollner's three-receiver offense includes an H-back, senior Obafemi Ayanbadejo.

Much of the optimism centers on an offensive line that returns four starters, all juniors. The leader is 305-pound tackle Kyle Turley, an All-America candidate who has a chance to be a dominant player. He is joined by tackle Ephraim Salaam, guard Robert Whitman and center Dan Nilsen. The other guard spot could be filled by redshirt freshman Mike Malano.

Although eight starters return on defense, only one was part of the Aztec front, senior end Adrian Iloja. The opposite end will be senior Jason Jones, a 1995 backup. Junior Charles Gatlin and redshirt freshman Kabeer Gbajabiamila provide depth.

The starting tackles, juniors Nio Santos and Dan Dorsey, lack experience, as do their backups. This is a key area of concern.

There are three solid returning linebacker starters in seniors Sam Lawanson and Craigus Thompson on the strong and weak sides, respectively, and sophomore Joseph Tuipala in the middle. Thompson tied for the team lead with 99 tackles, while also tallying 10 tackles for losses, three interceptions and eight pass breakups.

The secondary returns intact, headed by All-WAC senior Ricky Parker, who successfully switched from free safety to cornerback last fall and led the team with six interceptions and 14 pass breakups. Against Oklahoma, he returned two interceptions for a school-record 146 yards. Two years ago, Parker was the first Aztec sophomore to earn All-WAC honors.

The other cornerback, sophomore Eric Lewis, also has all-star potential, and there is significant depth at safety. Junior rover Julius McChristian had a fine sophomore season. Junior Jason Moore returns at free safety.

Senior punter Noel Prefontaine recorded the second-best season in San Diego State history, averaging 43.0 yards a kick.

"The great thing about Noel is that he not only can punt for distance, but that also he can do all the specialty directional and distance punting," says Tollner.

On the other hand, senior placekicker Peter Holt missed 5-of-16 field-goal attempts and 7-of-47 PATs. Hakim ranked third in the WAC in kickoff returns (23.4 yards).

The last time San Diego State held the opposition to fewer than 28 points per game was in 1986. Not coincidentally, the Aztecs won the WAC championship that year.

History repeated itself last fall under Gilbert in the interception department, and the Aztecs appear ready to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the 1986 league crown by making a run at another one.

"We feel we've got the talent and the depth in place in most positions to again be a championship contender," Tollner says.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (8)

WR	2	Will Blackwell (Jr., 2); 38 Leon Hawes (Fr., 0)
LT	66	Ephraim Salaam (Jr., 1); 65 Greg Spillane (Fr., 0)
LG	70	Robert Whitman (Jr., 1); 79 Josh Rogers (Fr., 0)
C	73	Dan Nilsen (Jr., 1); 55 Bill Van Raaphorst (So., 1)
RG	53	Mike Malano (Fr., 0); 76 Andrew Kline (Fr., 0)
RT	68	Kyle Turley (Jr., 2); 78 Hasira Sutton (Fr., 0)
TE	88	Chad Flick (Jr., 0); 89 Ben Mechem (So., 0)
WR	3	Az Hakim (Jr., 2); 19 Nathan Jaquet (Sr., 1)
QB	16	Billy Blanton (Sr., 2); 7 Kevin McKechnie (Sr., 1)
HB	9	Obafemi Ayanbadejo (Sr., 1); 87 Mike Hatch (Jr., 0)
RB	43	George Jones (Sr., 1); 30 Justin Watson (Jr., 1)
PK	20	Peter Holt (Sr., 3)

### DEFENSE (8)

DE	58	Adrian Iloja (Sr., 3); 93 Kabeer Gbajabiamila (Fr., 0)
DT	98	Nio Santos (Jr., 0); 99 Diallo Garrison (Jr., 0)
DT	51	Dan Dorsey (Jr., 0); 96 Jeff Sardell (Sr., 0)
DE	91	Jason Jones (Sr., 1); 40 Charles Gatlin (Jr., 1)
SLB	49	Sam Lawanson (Sr., 1); 35 Joe Jackson (So., 1)
MLB	48	Joseph Tuipala (So., 1); 46 Michael Duran (Fr., 0)
WLB	45	Craigus Thompson (Sr., 3); 44 Tim Sulick (Jr., 0)
LC	29	Eric Lewis (So., 1); 17 James Heggins (Jr., 0)
FS	24	Jason Moore (Jr., 2); 23 Freddie Edwards (Sr., 2)
ROV	4	Julius McChristian (Jr., 2); 37 Rico Curtis (Jr., 0)
RC	27	Ricky Parker (Sr., 2); 15 Lonnie Bergeron (Fr., 0)
P	18	Noel Prefontaine (Sr., 1)

(R) Indicates Return or Reserve Status  
 (S) Indicates Starting Status  
 (F) Indicates Freshman Status  
 (Jr.) Indicates Junior Status  
 (Sr.) Indicates Senior Status



**Head Coach:**  
**1995 Record (ACC):**  
**1996 Pick:**

**Mark Duffner**  
**6-5-0 (4-4-0)**  
**4th ACC**

**H**aving successfully abandoned the run and shoot offense, Maryland may be poised to shoot for a run at the Atlantic Coast Conference's high-rent district.

The Terrapins were one of the nation's surprise teams a year ago when they started 4-0 in coach Mark Duffner's single-back, four-wide receiver set. Then the drought set in, and they scored only one touchdown and 12 points in the next four games.

After consecutive midseason shutouts at the hands of Clemson and Louisville, Duffner found a 246-pound fullback and a 6-7, 277-pound tight end, and switched to the I-formation. As a result, Maryland finished with its first winning season in five years (6-5, 4-4 and right in the middle of the ACC). With 42 lettermen returning, including nine starters on each side of the ball, the Terps have their sights set on a first-division finish and a bowl bid.

"We have the talent to run the wide-open attack of the last several years and what we did at the end of last year," Duffner says. "We'll be harder to predict in 1996, but we'll continue being an attacking offense. We'll have formations that will allow us to strike quickly." Translation: the four-wideout alignment is not dead.

A few years ago, Maryland's defense was a laughingstock. Now, Duffner says, "I want us to be the best defense in the league."

Scott Milanovich, Maryland's all-time leader in completions, passing yards, touchdown passes, passing efficiency and punting average, has graduated. But junior Brian Cummings, the early-season quarterback starter while Milanovich was serving a suspension, did what no other sophomore had done in 103 years of Maryland football. He led the Terps to that 4-0 start, their best since 1978, and their first national ranking in nine years. Ironically, when Milanovich's suspension ended, so did the Terps' offense, which had averaged 33.3 points in the first four games under Cummings.

As a starter (six games), Cummings was second in the ACC in passing efficiency. He finished with 98 completions in 166 attempts (59.0 percent) for 1,193 yards, five touchdowns and four interceptions.

Maryland's ground game has improved steadily and should continue to do so. Despite being slowed for much of the season by a hamstring pull, junior Buddy Rodgers, a speedy 231-pounder, became Maryland's top rusher in 10 years with 718 yards on 158 attempts (4.5-yard average).

Senior Mario Chavez was the fullback for the last three games after playing on the defensive line earlier in the year.

A major loss is Jermaine Lewis, the ACC's career leader in receptions and Maryland's record holder in receiving yards and touchdown catches. But the Terps return the conference's single-season record holder (77 catches in 1994) in senior



wide receiver Geroy Simon, who caught 54 passes and has 150 in his career. Seniors Mancel Johnson and Walt Williams, and redshirt freshman Troy Davidson complement Simon nicely.

Sophomore John Feugill was the biggest tight end in captivity last year, but he has bulked up to 290 pounds and moved back to tackle, where he started early in the season. The prime tight end candidates for 1996 are juniors Josh Hough, a converted defensive lineman, and highly regarded junior college transfer Tim Brown.

A mammoth and experienced offensive unit returns four regulars. Feugill will join junior tackle Darryl Gilliam, senior guard Aaron Henne, junior guard Pat Ward and senior center Erik Greenstein. All are in the neighborhood of

300 pounds, as are the backups, except for senior center Farad Hall, a scrawny 267 pounds.

The defensive ends are smart, fast, strong and athletic. And numerous. Senior Al Wallace and juniors Eric Hicks and Eric Ogbogu combined for 16 sacks and 28 tackles for losses a year ago. Wallace is the most experienced, having started for two seasons. Hicks started a few games as a true freshman and 10 games last season. Ogbogu, perhaps the best of them all, started only twice but was fifth in the ACC in sacks and tackles for losses.

Juniors Johnnie Hicks (no relation to Eric) and Tim Watson, who also started in 1993 as a true freshman, return at the tackles. Hicks is the best lineman Duffner has had, and Watson isn't far behind. Redshirt freshmen Delbert Cowsette and Jamie Wu were championship high school wrestlers in Ohio and Illinois, respectively.

**This is easily the most experienced team in Duffner's tenure. . . A bowl bid should be forthcoming.**

The defensive area of the linebackers was hit hardest by graduation, losing Mike Settles on the outside and second-leading tackler Tim Brown inside. Settles' departure opens the door for two solid prospects, sophomore Kendall Ogle and redshirt freshman Erwyn Lyght.

Senior Ratcliff Thomas has been a star at inside linebacker since his freshman campaign. For three seasons, he has led the team in tackles, playing virtually every down in all 33 games. His 344 tackles are seventh-best in school history. The battle to replace Brown features sophomore Eric Barton, juniors Brett White and Rhett Hesprih, and redshirt freshmen Pete Timmins and Jomo Huggins.

Maryland's 13 interceptions were its most since 1987, and three starters return in the secondary, including a pair of exceptional cornerbacks, seniors A.J. Johnson and Chad Scott.

Scott, a transfer who led Towson State with five interceptions in 1993, had 76 tackles last year to go with three picks and 10 pass deflections. Johnson made 75 tackles and tied for the league lead with six thefts.

Senior free safety Lamont Gore returns, as does senior strong safety Andre Hentz.

Senior Joe O'Donnell has made 16-of-20 career field-goal attempts, but the Terps lack an experienced punter. Sophomore Darin Young should get the nod. Scott returned 11 kickoffs for a 21.1-yard average. Senior Orlando Strozier will handle punt returns.

This is easily the most experienced team in Duffner's tenure. Put the Terps in a mix with Virginia, Clemson and Georgia Tech, and don't be shocked if at least one of them beats Florida State. A bowl bid should be forthcoming.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (9)

WR	10	Geroy Simon (Sr., 3); 20 Troy Davidson (Fr., 0)
LT	68	Darryl Gilliam (Jr., 2); 65 Pete Sorrentino (Jr., 1)
LG	71	Pat Ward (Jr., 2); 70 Eric Timothy (Fr., 0)
C	69	Erik Greenstein (Sr., 3); 64 Farad Hall (Sr., 0)
RG	79	Aaron Henne (Sr., 3); 75 Brad Messina (Fr., 0)
RT	66	John Feugill (So., 1); 73 Ryan Rezzelle (So., 1)
TE	81	Josh Hough (Jr., 0); 89 Tim Brown (Jr., 2)
QB	9	Brian Cummings (Jr., 2); 5 Trey Evans (Fr., 0)
TB	34	Buddy Rodgers (Jr., 2); 40 Brian Underwood (Jr., 2)
FB	45	Mario Chavez (Sr., 2); 8 Darnell Eatmon (Fr., 0)
WR	6	Mancel Johnson (Sr., 3); 15 Walt Williams (Sr., 3)
PK	16	Joe O'Donnell (Sr., 2)

### DEFENSE (10)

DE	90	Eric Hicks (Jr., 2); 98 Anthony Jenkins (Sr., 1)
DT	53	Johnnie Hicks (Jr., 2); 91 Delbert Cowsette (Fr., 0)
DT	87	Tim Watson (Jr., 2); 99 Jamie Wu (Fr., 0)
DE	56	Al Wallace (Sr., 2); 42 Eric Ogbogu (Jr., 2)
OLB	32	Kendall Ogle (So., 1); 41 Erwyn Lyght (Fr., 0)
ILB	46	Ratcliff Thomas (Sr., 2); 51 Rhett Hesprih (Jr., 1)
ILB	54	Eric Barton (So., 1); 50 Brett White (Jr., 2)
CB	3	Chad Scott (Sr., 1); 21 Jonathan Johnson (Sr., 3)
FS	24	Lamont Gore (Sr., 3); 2 Henry Baker (Jr., 1)
SS	18	Andre Hentz (Sr., 1); 13 Derrick Johnson (Fr., 0)
CB	27	A.J. Johnson (Sr., 3); 36 Paul Jackson (So., 1)
P	20	Darin Young (So., 0)

(P) Indicates Player or Backup; (S) Starter  
SOLD indicates returning starter  
NUMBER After Cuts Indicates Letterman Year



**Head Coach:** Rick Minter  
**1995 Record:** 6-5-0  
**1996 Pick:** 1st C-USA

**F**rustrating. Unsettling. Disheartening. Game 1: Cincinnati totals 410 total offensive yards and 166 return yards, controls the ball for 37:04 and loses at Kansas (280, 49, 22:56) 23-18 on a late touchdown.

Game 2: Cincinnati outgains Kansas State in total yardage 381-271 yet loses at home 23-21 on a 22-yard touchdown pass as time expires.

Game 4: Cincinnati, after erasing a 10-point deficit in the last four minutes, sees what would have ended a tie game suddenly turn into a loss when host Miami of Ohio returns a kickoff 82 yards with 19 seconds left to win 23-16.

Alas, not even a Game 3 16-0 victory at Virginia Tech tempered Bearcat disappointment.

And thus a possible 8-2-1 season, and Liberty Bowl berth, ended 6-5.

Now it is time to attend to business. "We feel good about where we are right now," says Bearcat coach Rick Minter (8-13-1 in two years). "We set our goals before each year and achieving a national ranking is one of them."

Long-suffering Bearcat fans must feel encouraged by Minter's words. A former Notre Dame assistant, Minter has made Cincinnati a legitimate Top 30-caliber program in a very calculated fashion. He keenly understands the importance of promoting his program and Conference USA, working cooperatively with the media.

"I love doing all the things that are required of a head coach," he says. "I really try to work with the media."

Minter admits he occasionally is guilty of putting pressure on his team by expressing unreasonable expectations of them to the media.

"I may have (in the past) written a check that our team couldn't cash," he says.

Perhaps. But no one is complaining. Minter's enthusiasm for Bearcat football and its potential, thanks in part to C-USA, is contagious.

"We feel good about the future of the league," he says. "Hopefully this conference can compete nationally."

Reports indicate that C-USA wants to add Army, East Carolina and Navy to its football lineup and, in the future, have current members (in all sports but football) UAB and South Florida in the mix. A 12-team, two-division setup could prove interesting, Minter says.

"To be one of the top eight college football leagues, we need to be perceived as viable, which is difficult with only six programs," he notes. "I like the thought of expansion if handled properly."

Handling the quarterback job is sophomore Chad Plummer, who spent last year as a reserve and completed 25-of-47 passes (53.2 percent) for 459 yards and two touchdowns. His efficiency rating of 140.8 would have ranked him in the Top 20 had he received more minutes.

"Chad is multidimensional," Minter says. "He understands when to unload the ball and when not to. If he progresses at the rate he has progressed to this point, he will be a fine player."



Sam Barnes

David Preston

The 1995 Bearcat running attack was often anemic, as Cincinnati backs gained just 1,374 yards (2.9 per carry). Two of the top three rushers (Craedel Kimbrough and Eric Patterson) are gone. Fortunately, leading rusher Orlando Smith, a second-team All-C-USA pick, returns. He averaged a respectable 3.7 yards on 126 carries. The fullback is junior Shannon Scarbrough.

C-USA Offensive and Special Teams Player of the Year Robert Tate totaled 695 yards on 46 receptions (19.5 yards per catch). Tate's agility, consistency and willingness to make clutch plays is unrivaled. The senior led the nation in kickoff returns, averaging 34.3 yards on 15 runbacks.

"We want to put the ball in his hands as many times as possible," Minter understates.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (5)

WR	18	Anthony Ladd (Sr., 3); 14 Jamain Owens (So., 0)
LT	67	Jason Fabini (Jr., 2); 66 Ken Biggs (Fr., 0)
LG	78	Pierre Brilliant (Jr., 1); 76 Chris Bell (Fr., 0)
C	75	Brian Uhl (So., 1); 69 Brian Posey (Sr., 2)
RG	68	Rob Robinson (Sr., 3); 61 Joel Dollinski (Jr., 2)
RT	71	Matt Knutson (So., 1); 59 Esaul Viraumontes (Sr., 1)
TE	34	Brandon Rader (Sr., 1); 80 Josh Anderson (So., 1)
WR	2	Robert Tate (Sr., 2); 25 James Scott (Sr., 3)
QB	15	Chad Plummer (So., 1); 16 Brent Petrus (Jr., 1)
FB	44	Shannon Scarbrough (Sr., 3); 38 Daryl Royal (Jr., 2)
RB	20	Orlando Smith (Jr., 1); 26 DeJuan Marshall (So., 1)
PK	12	Eric Richards (Jr., 2)

### DEFENSE (7)

DT	91	Darrius Felder (Sr., 3); 92 Percy Evans (So., 0)
NT	77	Kevin Ward (Jr., 2); 96 Fred Ward (Jr., 0)
DE	95	Derrick Ransom (Jr., 2); 99 John Kobalka (Jr., 2)
OLB	53	Terry Grooms (Sr., 3); 93 David Jackson (So., 1)
ILB	45	Phillip Curry (Jr., 3); 8 Ray Brunt (Sr., 3)
ILB	51	Jerry Ulysee (Sr., 1); 58 Delmar Turner (Sr., 1)
OLB	3	Brad Jackson (Jr., 2); 48 Hassan Champlon (So., 1)
CB	6	Jermaine Trent (Sr., 1); 40 Shawn Ferguson (So., 1)
SS	23	Don Simpson (Sr., 2); 4 Lowery Cole (Jr., 1)
FS	7	Sam Barnes (Sr., 3); 37 Ivan Fulton (Sr., 1)
CB	9	Chris Hewitt (Sr., 3); 35 Artell Hawkins (Jr., 2)
P	10	Steve Smith (Sr., 1)

(#) INDICATES NUMBER OF RECORDING STATUSES  
 BOLD INDICATES RETURNING STATUSES  
 NUMBER AFTER CLASS INDICATES LETTERS WON

Senior Anthony Ladd (34 catches for 433 yards, a 12.7-yard average) is overshadowed by Tate but is a quality player nonetheless. Sophomore reserve DeJuan Marshall (21 catches) is dangerous out of the backfield.

Senior Brandon Rader (15.4 yards, eight catches) is a fine tight end.

On the line, junior Jason Fabini and sophomore Matt Knutson should start at the tackle spots. The guard positions will be manned by junior Pierre Brilliant and senior Rob Robinson. Sophomore center Brian Uhl is pushing returning starter Brian Posey, a senior.

Defensively, Minter lost tackle Ken Fowler, but senior Darrius Felder, an all-league choice, and junior Derrick Ransom are ready.

The nose tackle is junior Kevin Ward (three sacks and 33 tackles, 11 for losses). Others to watch are junior John Kobalka, who could supplant Ransom, and senior Terry Grooms.

Junior outside backer Brad Jackson registered 100 tackles and three fumble recoveries en route to earning All-C-USA honors. Statistically, junior inside man Phillip Curry topped Jackson, with 124 tackles (a team-high 17 for losses) and four sacks. Seniors Terry Grooms and Jerry Ulysee should start on the outside and inside, respectively.

First-team All-C-USA pick Sam Barnes is a standout free safety (100 tackles, six pass break-ups, three fumble recoveries and a team-leading six interceptions). Barnes is joined by senior cornerbacks Chris Hewitt, a second-team all-conference pick, and Jermaine Trent. The strong safety is expected to be senior Don Simpson.

Junior placekicker Eric Richards nailed 16-of-24 field goals (with a long of 47) and 27-of-28 PATs. Dependable senior punter Steve Smith had a long punt of 52 yards and no blocked attempts but must improve his 37.8-yard average. Tate also handles punt returns (8.6-yard average).

Cincinnati is well-fortified. Plummer is ready to blossom and Smith might be. Tate is a wondrous talent. Fabini anchors a capable offensive line. Felder, Curry, Jackson and Hewitt are quality defenders, while Barnes is dominant. Tate and Richards key fine special teams play. And, again, the slate is perfect for a team looking to go 9-2.

However, Minter cautions, "I don't know that there is any team on our schedule that couldn't easily beat us."

Cincinnati's five road battles (Kansas State, Memphis, Louisville, Southern Mississippi and UAB) will be winnable yet challenging.

"The three road league games will be hostile environments," Minter says, adding that Kansas State (a Top 10 team last fall) will be tough again and that Division I-A newcomer UAB (which always confounds Cincinnati in basketball) will feature a diverse offense and great athleticism.

Nevertheless, Cincinnati fans must feel confident the Bearcats will be determined to rectify last season's stumbles and win at least seven games.



**Head Coach:** Spike Dykes  
**1995 Record (SWC):** 9-3-0 (5-2-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 3rd Big 12 South

An overly enthusiastic Texas Tech fan tossed a tortilla onto the field at Jones Stadium during the Missouri game last season. No one was hurt, but it landed at the feet of the head linesman, who notified the Red Raiders' sideline that another such lapse in decorum would produce a 15-yard penalty against the home team. No more tortillas were tossed.

"They did away with that," Tech coach Spike Dykes says. "It was a cute idea to begin with, but it probably got out of hand, like everything else does. No more tortillas this season."

Even though he didn't condone such behavior, he could understand the mind-set of the tortilla tossers, Dykes says. The cost of tickets to major college sports events is escalating.

"We want to charge people \$20 for a ticket, but they can't even bring a flag of a certain size in here (the stadium)," he says. "(Of course) you could cure all the ails if you had a great football team every year."

Dykes, who is beginning his 10th full season as head coach, hasn't necessarily provided Red Raider fans with "great" teams every year. But they've been good, and consistent, over the last five seasons, finishing in ties for second place in the Southwest Conference four times and first place once.

The Southwest Conference is no more, but the solid foundation Dykes has built in Lubbock remains in place.

Junior Zebbie Lethridge has been the starting quarterback since the fourth game of 1994, when he was SWC Offensive Newcomer of the Year. Already, Lethridge ranks fifth on Texas Tech's career total offense list after a sophomore season in which he completed 136-of-281 passes for 1,885 yards and 13 touchdowns. He also ran for nine scores and set a conference record by throwing 211 consecutive passes without an interception.

Texas Tech is promoting junior tailback Byron Hanspard as a Heisman Trophy candidate, and with justification. Hanspard led the league in rushing with 1,374 yards, the second-highest total by a sophomore in SWC history. He rushed for 668 yards in the last three games and scored 11 touchdowns in the last 12 quarters. He ran for 260 yards and scored four touchdowns in the Copper Bowl to earn game MVP honors. Hanspard also led the Red Raiders in receiving, catching 35 passes for 474 yards and seven touchdowns, giving him a total of 18 for a team-high 108 points. In addition, "He's an excellent blocker," says Dykes.

The Red Raiders have virtually no experience returning at fullback. Senior Ryan Jones carried only 11 times for 58 yards.

Dykes has considerable depth at wide receiver, where senior Field Scovell and sophomore Donnie Hart figure to start at flanker and split end, respectively. Senior Brad Spinks moves up at tight end.

Hanspard has a veteran line to run behind.



Byron Hanspard

Four starters return, led by seniors Ben Kaufman and Casey Jones on the left side at tackle and guard, respectively. Junior Chris Whitney, a two-year letterman with one start, had an outstanding spring and moved to the top of the depth chart at right tackle. Senior Shane Dunn is penciled in as the starter at right guard. The top two centers return in senior Kevin Ward and junior Jay Pugh.

The Red Raiders will put up an experienced defensive front, with sophomore Montae Reagor and junior Allen Wallace at the ends, junior Corey Chandler at tackle and junior Cody McGuire at nose tackle. Junior end Tony Daniels missed last season because of a knee injury suffered in a swimming accident during the summer. As a 1994 sophomore, he led the team in

tackles for losses with 13. Daniels is expected to see a great deal of service and become one of the Big 12's leading pass rushers.

Reagor was Tech's top pass rusher last season as a true freshman with seven tackles for losses and three sacks. Senior tackle Jerome Lang has the skills to be a starter if he can remain healthy.

Sophomore Cody Patton and redshirt freshman Taurus Rucker will be counted on to provide depth up front. Freshman tackle Jason Jones of Dallas could play without redshirting.

Two of last season's starters at linebacker, including consensus All-America middle linebacker Zach Thomas, must be replaced. Senior Robert Johnson is the lone returning starter, on the strong side. He is the most experienced defender, having started 27 games during his career. Johnson was credited with 65 tackles last year, of which 37 were solo. He is also oppor-

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tunistic, having intercepted four passes and recovered three fumbles last season.

Senior Anthony Armour returns to weak-side linebacker after starting at defensive end last season. He made 55 tackles a year ago, including seven for losses.

Junior Eric Butler will try to fill the huge void Thomas' graduation left in the middle, if senior Ryan Donahue or redshirt freshman Kyle Shipley doesn't move in. Among those expected to provide depth on the outside are sophomore Ty Ardoin and senior Adrian Roland.

Senior "raider" (safety) Jody Brown has earned three letters as a backup and special teams player. Junior free safety Dane Johnson tied for third in the conference in pass interceptions with four. He returned one for 66 yards and a touchdown. Johnson also broke up seven passes. Junior Duane Price can play any secondary spot.

Sophomore Corey Turner and redshirt freshman Oscar Soliz are among the cornerback hopefuls, as are a half-dozen incoming freshmen.

Tony Rogers, a junior, has been successful on 9-of-10 field goals from 40-49 yards during his career. He was 4-of-5 from that range last season and 37-of-37 on extra points.

The punting job probably won't be resolved until fall camp.

Dane Johnson ranked eighth in the nation and first in the Southwest Conference in punt returns, averaging 14.3 yards on 15 returns. He also averaged 22.7 yards on 10 kickoff returns.

The Red Raiders could be very good, and yet their record might not reflect it with Nebraska, Kansas and Kansas State as interdivisional opponents. "I don't know how we missed Colorado," Dykes says.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (8)

TE	85	Brad Spinks (Sr., 3); 84 Josh Mashburn (Sr., 0)
LT	75	Ben Kaufman (Sr., 3); 72 Nick Lee (So., 1)
LG	65	Casey Jones (Sr., 2); 60 Jayson Hansen (Sr., 0)
C	67	Kevin Ward (Sr., 1); 63 Jay Pugh (Jr., 2)
RG	68	Shane Dunn (Sr., 2); 77 Erik Carruth (So., 0)
RT	66	Chris Whitney (Jr., 2); 67 Lynn Scherler (Sr., 2)
FL	87	Field Scovell (Sr., 2); 6 Stacy Mitchell (Jr., 2)
SE	82	Donnie Hart (So., 1); 18 Sheldon Bass (So., 1)
QB	8	Zebbie Lethridge (Jr., 2); 15 Sone Cavazos (Sr., 2)
TB	4	Byron Hanspard (Jr., 2); 22 Adrian Ervin (Sr., 1)
FB	43	Ryan Jones (Sr., 1); 42 Sammy Morris (Fr., 0)
PK	98	Tony Rogers (Jr., 2)

### DEFENSE (6)

LE	34	Montae Reagor (So., 1); 89 Taurus Rucker (Fr., 0)
DT	93	Corey Chandler (Jr., 2); 76 Jerome Lang (Sr., 2)
NT	74	Cody McGuire (Jr., 2); 99 Cody Patton (So., 1)
RE	54	Allen Wallace (Jr., 1); 86 Tony Daniels (Jr., 2)
SLB	7	Robert Johnson (Sr., 3); 29 Ty Ardoin (So., 1)
MLB	48	Eric Butler (Jr., 2); 45 Ryan Donahue (Sr., 3)
WLB	37	Anthony Armour (Sr., 3); 47 Adrian Roland (Sr., 0)
LCB	28	Oscar Soliz (Fr., 0); 11 Tony Darden (Jr., 2)
S	30	Jody Brown (Sr., 3); 36 Robby Cartwright (So., 0)
FS	13	Dane Johnson (Jr., 2); 23 Reagan Bownds (So., 1)
RCB	21	Corey Turner (So., 1); 1 Duane Price (Jr., 1)
P	14	Jeremy Hernandez (So., 0)

(#) Indicates Number of Returning Starters  
 BOLD indicates returning starters  
 NUMBER AND NAME indicates letters won



**Head Coach:** Tyrone Willingham  
**1995 Record (Pac-10):** 7-4-1 (5-3-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 4th Pac-10

**C**ertainly, Stanford's 7-4-1 season in 1995 was impressive. Expected to finish last in the Pacific-10, the Cardinal came in a strong fourth and was within a few plays of being in the Rose Bowl.

The team's success killed notions that Tyrone Willingham, who had never been a head coach or coordinator at any level, was not ready to be a Pac-10 head coach. Instead, it prompted suggestions that Willingham, the Pac-10 Coach of the Year, has laid the foundation for a perennial conference power at Stanford.

But was 1995 simply one of those rare seasons when the ball bounced the Cardinal's way?

Stanford needed breaks in the final minute against Utah and Arizona State to win both of those games, and the Cardinal fell flat in its loss to East Carolina in the Liberty Bowl.

The expected strength of last year's team, the running backs, should again excel, but the concerns that faced Willingham in his first season are much the same for his second: a major question at quarterback and a defense that was one of the league's worst.

Willingham overcame those shortcomings last season with discipline and fundamentals, a departure from predecessor Bill Walsh.

"They didn't do anything outrageous," says California quarterback Pat Barnes. "Offensively, it just seemed like they were more disciplined than before, and just came at you, 11 versus 11. They didn't try to outscheme you. And they had the attitude, 'If you beat us, it's an upset.'"

Stanford finished just fourth in the Pac-10 in offense but led in scoring. The Cardinal received a bowl invitation although ranking ninth in the Pac-10 in total defense and scoring defense. Despite his emphasis on discipline and organization, Willingham does not think the program has yet forged an identity.

"I hope we're on our way to establishing one," he says. "We'll have much the same focus, but I don't think the program is in place. Hopefully, this season we'll get closer."

Senior Tim Carey, who battled Mark Butterfield for the quarterback job before last season, is engaging in similar competition this year, this time with sophomore Chad Hutchinson. A pitcher who split his spring time between baseball and football, Hutchinson passed up big money in 1995 as a first-round draft pick of the Atlanta Braves to attend Stanford. His 6-5, 225-pound frame, powerful arm and good speed suggest that his physical skills might offset his limited experience.

Carey is not as gifted physically and has little experience. His forte is moving an offense and tossing soft, catchable passes. But he cannot throw downfield as effectively as Hutchinson.

The running backs are the team's strength, with junior Anthony Bookman again splitting time with senior Mike Mitchell at halfback. The shorter, smaller Bookman offers speed and big-play potential. Mitchell has the ability to follow



Anthony Bookman

PETER BOVILLAT

blockers and shed tacklers for consistent gains.

Both ranked among the top 10 in Pac-10 rushing, and both catch passes well. Bookman rushed for over 100 yards four times last season, and Mitchell played nine games even though he dislocated his elbow in the opener and played most of the year with an unwieldy brace. The two have come to accept their shared role.

The fullback primarily is used as a blocker. Back are seniors Greg Comella and Adam Salina.

The loss of Mark Harris, the top receiver in '95, will hurt, especially since returning flanker Brian Manning, a senior and the team's deep threat, developed a habit of dropping passes. Junior Damon Dunn and senior Marlon Evans are the most likely candidates to fill Harris' spot. Senior

right end Greg Clark, who caught 23 passes last season, has all-conference potential.

Stanford had significant losses on the offensive line. The best of the linemen is senior guard Brad Badger, but Stanford has a critical rebuilding job to do here. Nathan Parks, a 303-pound senior, will hold down right tackle, and junior Geoff Wilson is expected to be the left tackle. Junior Andrew Kroeker is penciled in at the other guard spot, and juco transfer Blaine Maxfield and sophomore Mike McLaughlin will battle at center.

The defensive line has more than its share of questions as well. Junior defensive end Carl Hansen made a number of big plays, and senior Pete Swanson offers considerable bulk (6-5, 305) in the middle at one tackle in the Cardinal's four-man front.

Kailee Wong, who started two years ago as a freshman, has exceptional speed at the other end. Several candidates will vie for the remaining tackle position, with junior Anthony Willis the likely starter.

Inside linebacker Chris Draft looks like an All-American on some days. He played defensive line, outside linebacker and strong safety two years ago as a freshman, and started last season as a backup outside linebacker. Draft found his niche at an inside spot early in the campaign and played well despite his lack of size.

Mike Hall, who led the team in tackles, is gone, leaving a sizable hole up the middle. Jon Ritchie and Jon Haskins, both juniors, will battle at inside linebacker, perhaps the Cardinal's most critical defensive position. Senior Brian Batson should hold down the outside spot.

Stanford looks solid in the secondary with three returning senior starters: strong safety Eliel Swinton (six tackles for losses), free safety Josh Madsen (four interceptions) and cornerback Leroy Pruitt (four interceptions). The 5-9 Pruitt is vulnerable against big receivers, however.

Junior Corey Hill was the team's nickel back last season and has been moved to cornerback, where he will vie for playing time with senior Alistair White.

Junior punter Kevin Miller is back, but sophomore Patrick Shinnfield, the placekicker, is untested.

Stanford's most effective unit last fall was its kick-return team, led by Dunn and Evans, who were first and second respectively in the Pac-10 in kickoff returns. The Cardinal won a couple of games on special teams play alone last season and will need to have similar success this year.

If an adequate replacement for Butterfield is found and the defense improves as hoped, this team could make a run at the Rose Bowl.

Willingham's system is now solidly in place. Hutchinson could be a star, and if that happens this fall, a second straight bowl berth is likely. But the Cardinal could post a losing record if no quarterback steps up. Stanford has yet to develop the consistency required to be a perennial Pac-10 force.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (6)

WR	80	Damon Dunn (Jr., 2); 83 Marlon Evans (Sr., 3)
LT	65	Geoff Wilson (Jr., 2); 79 Jeff Cronshagen (So., 1)
LG	63	Andrew Kroeker (Jr., 2); 76 Brian Donoghue (Jr., 2)
C	73	Mike McLaughlin (So., 1); 56 Blaine Maxfield (Jr., 0)
RG	78	Brad Badger (Sr., 3); 67 Joe Fairchild (So., 1)
RT	60	Nathan Parks (Sr., 2); 72 Eli Burriss (So., 1)
TE	87	Greg Clark (Sr., 1); 86 Derek Hubbard (Sr., 1)
QB	3	Tim Carey (Sr., 3); 19 Chad Hutchinson (So., 1)
HB	4	Anthony Bookman (Jr., 2); 32 Mike Mitchell (Sr., 3)
FB	38	Adam Salina (Sr., 3); 34 Greg Comella (Sr., 3)
FL	88	Brian Manning (Sr., 3); 81 Andrew Kirwan (Sr., 3)
PK	49	Patrick Shinnfield (So., 1)

### DEFENSE (7)

OLB	42	Brian Batson (Sr., 3); 54 Nicodemus Watts (Sr., 3)
DE	13	Kailee Wong (Jr., 2); 94 Bryan Werner (Sr., 3)
DT	97	Pete Swanson (Sr., 3); 99 Andrew Currie (So., 1)
NT	51	Anthony Willis (Jr., 2); 50 Evan Wagner (Sr., 1)
DE	75	Carl Hansen (Jr., 2); 98 Korti Pellegrin (So., 1)
ILB	43	Jon Haskins (Jr., 2); 40 Jon Ritchie (Jr., 0)
ILB	33	Chris Draft (Jr., 2); 43 Jon Haskins (Jr., 2)
CB	11	Leroy Pruitt (Sr., 3); 83 Marlon Evans (Sr., 3)
SS	9	Eliel Swinton (Sr., 3); 24 Kadar Hamilton (Jr., 2)
FS	45	Josh Madsen (Sr., 3); 10 Tim Smith (So., 1)
CB	26	Alistair White (Sr., 3); 17 Corey Hill (Jr., 2)
P	49	Kevin Miller (Jr., 2)

(P) Indicates Player or Returning Starter  
 SOLO Indicates Returnee Starting  
 NUMBER After Class Indicates Letters Won



**Head Coach:** Jim Donnan  
**1995 Record (SEC):** 6-6-0 (3-5-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 3rd SEC East

**N**ot since Garrison Hearst blazed a red-hot trail from Lincolnton, Ga., to Athens and then to NFL riches has Georgia seen anything like the expectations surrounding junior tailback Robert Edwards.

Edwards, who has played only two games at tailback after moving from cornerback in the spring of '95, caught the nation's attention with two Georgia school records, five touchdowns and 30 points, along with 169 yards rushing, in the season-opening win over South Carolina. He added 156 yards a week later against Tennessee, but a broken left foot in the third quarter of that game sidelined Edwards for the rest of the season and likely cost Ray Goff his job.

In the fourth game, quarterback Mike Bobo suffered a season-ending knee fracture. The Bulldogs couldn't recover from those injuries and finished 6-6. Goff, under scrutiny for most of his seven seasons at the helm, failed to meet athletic director Vince Dooley's mandate for "significant improvement," and Jim Donnan was lured from Division I-AA Marshall after Kansas' Glen Mason reneged on his commitment.

Edwards' rehabilitation and how well the Bulldogs can grasp Donnan's offensive system will go a long way in determining Georgia's success. Donnan inherits a talented team but must revamp a defense that surrendered 347.4 yards per game and the offensive line.

Bobo had done a solid job of filling the shoes of Eric Zeier, Georgia's all-time leading passer, before his injury. Bobo was among the nation's top five in passing efficiency and had completed over 60 percent of his attempts for 818 yards and five touchdowns.

"It's critical to get Mike Bobo back healthy," says Donnan. "He established himself as the starter last year."

Unlike last season, the Bulldogs will have plenty of experience behind Bobo. Versatile junior Hines Ward started five games and completed 62 percent of his passes (69-of-112 for 872 yards). However, he's due to be a receiver in 1996. Senior Brian Smith played in eight games before a shoulder injury ended his season.

Running back may be Georgia's deepest position. Five tailbacks started after Edwards' injury, and there's plenty of freshman help on the way.

Sophomore Torin Kirtsey, who started three games, led the Bulldogs in rushing with 603 yards, including 195 in his first start, a victory over Clemson. Sophomore Robert Arnaud started one game, rushing for 120 yards on 37 carries in a win over Kentucky. Freshman Patrick Pass, regarded as one of the nation's top prep tailbacks with 5,046 career rushing yards, could make an immediate impact.

At fullback, junior Selma Calloway returns but may have a difficult time in the fall holding off junior college transfer Ronnie Bradley, who rushed for 1,189 yards and 12 touchdowns in his second season at Georgia Military College.



The Bulldogs have placed less emphasis recently on the wideout positions. That's probably a good thing since only two players return who had more than 10 receptions. Senior Juan Daniels will start at split end, where he had 46 catches for 726 yards and five touchdowns.

Ward had 18 receptions for 249 yards and will assume a permanent role at flanker with the departure of three-year starter Brice Hunter. At tight end, sophomore Larry Brown caught eight passes for 91 yards and one touchdown.

The offensive line is Georgia's biggest concern with only two starters back. However, four players with starting experience return.

Senior Adam Meadows, a 1995 starter, will anchor the line at tackle, along with promising

sophomore Matt Stinchcomb. Senior Resty Beadles, also a regular from last year, and junior Antonio Fleming will start at the guard positions. There is little experience at center. Brad Stafford, a former junior college transfer, and sophomore Brooks Brodie should compete for the starting assignment.

Georgia's maligned 1995 defense will necessitate almost a total rebuilding job.

The interior line returns starting senior tackle Jason Ferguson. Another senior, Jermaine Smith, competes with junior Travis Stroud, who has suffered injuries to both knees, for the starting nose guard spot. Top reserve Marcus Hunter, a sophomore, underwent reconstructive knee surgery but should be recovered by August.

The ends, known as the "buck" and "bandit" positions, are wide open. Sophomore Chris Terry may be the most promising of the candidates. At 6-7, 260, Terry has shown the potential to be a capable pass rusher but played in only six games—recording seven tackles last season. Junior Derrick Byrd could also be a contributor, but he has been sidelined with injuries for most of the past two years.

For the Bulldogs to be successful, defensive coordinator Joe Kines will need help from a handful of signees.

Despite the loss of leading tackler Whit Marshall and two-time All-SEC performer Randall Godfrey, the linebacking corps should continue to be the thrust of Georgia's attacking defense.

Junior Greg Bright, a two-year starter in 23 consecutive games, was second on the team with 93 tackles. Junior Brandon Tolbert was one of the biggest defensive surprises in the conference, totaling 74 tackles and one sack.

Sophomore Adrian Goodman emerged from spring practice as the third starter at linebacker.

Three of the four 1995 starters in the secondary are available, including senior free safety Corey Johnson, who led the team with three interceptions. Sophomore Armin Love returns at strong safety and senior Alandus Sims at right cornerback, where he is battling junior Ronald Bailey. Sophomores Kirby Smart and Glenn Ford are 1-2 at the left corner.

Junior Dax Langley, who averaged 39.5 yards and nailed 17 punts inside the 20-yard line, returns and is the leading candidate to assume placekicking duties as well. He kicked a 63-yard field goal in high school.

Georgia will benefit from the luxury of playing its most competitive opponents late in the season with the exception of South Carolina and Tennessee, and will enjoy an off-Saturday before the Auburn game. If Edwards and Bobo are fully recovered, the Bulldogs could put a lot of points on the board, but the defense should again be suspect. The bottom line: If Donnan can implement a more aggressive defense, he could enjoy success in his first season, even take his team to a major bowl. If not, it could be another long year.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (7)

SE	12	Juan Daniels (Sr., 3); 81 Matt Dickson (Sr., 1)
OT	71	Adam Meadows (Sr., 3); 62 Kenley Ingram (Jr., 0)
OG	70	Resty Beadles (Sr., 2); 68 Sean Tremblay (So., 1)
C	65	Brad Stafford (Jr., 0); 60 Brooks Brodie (So., 0)
OG	69	Antonio Fleming (Jr., 2); 73 Steve Herndon (Fr., 0)
OT	79	Matt Stinchcomb (So., 1); 78 David Powell (Jr., 1)
TE	87	Larry Brown (So., 1); 85 Michael Taylor (Jr., 2)
QB	14	Mike Bobo (Jr., 1); 11 Brian Smith (Sr., 1)
TB	47	Robert Edwards (Jr., 2); 20 Torin Kirtsey (So., 1)
FB	32	Selma Calloway (So., 1); Ronnie Bradley (Jr., 0)
FL	19	Hines Ward (Jr., 2); 23 Chris McCranie (Sr., 3)
PK	2	Dax Langley (Jr., 2)

### DEFENSE (7)

DE	84	Chris Terry (So., 1); 96 Paul Snellings (So., 1)
DT	92	Jason Ferguson (Sr., 0); 96 Paul Snellings (So., 1)
NG	98	Jermaine Smith (Sr., 1); 66 Travis Stroud (Jr., 2)
BAN	91	Derrick Byrd (Jr., 1); 44 Marcus Williams (Sr., 3)
SLB	28	Brandon Tolbert (Jr., 2); 56 Bryan Jones (Sr., 3)
MLB	45	Greg Bright (Jr., 1); 54 D.J. Johnson (Jr., 0)
WLB	37	Adrian Goodman (So., 1); 53 Mike Luckie (Fr., 0)
LC	16	Kirby Smart (So., 1); 7 Glenn Ford (So., 1)
SS	9	Armin Love (So., 1); 18 Trey Sipe (Jr., 2)
FS	27	Corey Johnson (Sr., 3); 1 Larry Mann (Fr., 0)
RC	5	Ronald Bailey (Jr., 1); 22 Alandus Sims (Sr., 2)
P	2	Dax Langley (Jr., 2)

(#) INDICATES NUMBER OF REGULAR SEASON STARTS  
 BOLD INDICATES RETURNING STARTERS  
 NUMBER AFTER CLASH INDICATES LETTERS WON



**Head Coach:** Don Nehlen  
**1995 Record (Big East):** 5-6-0 (4-3-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 4th Big East

If, as the saying goes, you win with defense, West Virginia's stoppers need to be exceptional.

The Mountaineers return nine starters on defense but only four on offense, along with the placekicker and 42 lettermen.

Gone are tailbacks Robert Walker, West Virginia's second-leading career rusher with 2,620 yards, and Jimmy Gary, with 1,104 career yards, along with fullback Kantroy Barber, who had 362 rushing yards. They were the top three ground-gainers in last year's 5-6 campaign (4-3 and a fourth-place tie in the Big East).

"It's going to seem strange without them (Walker and Gary) because they were the core of our tailback position for the last couple of years," says Don Nehlen.

At the opposite end of the spectrum is the passing game, where quarterback Chad Johnston and wide receivers Rahsaan Vanterpool and David Saunders all return. But the offensive line returns only one full-time starter.

Johnston, a senior, is back for his third year as a starter. Last year, he compiled the ninth-best season by a Mountaineer quarterback: 248 passes, 127 completions (51.2 percent) for 2,019 yards, with 13 touchdowns and the same number of interceptions. His career numbers, 261-of-505 (51.7 percent) for 3,996 yards and 31 TDs, rank him among West Virginia's all-time leaders in eight categories.

"I expect him to have a tremendous year in terms of both performance and leadership," Nehlen says.

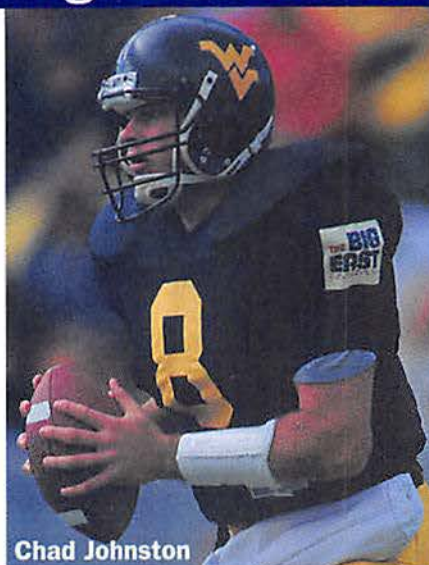
With the heavy losses in the backfield, youngsters must grow up quickly. "We just need to give them a lot of work and see who emerges. The talent is there and I look for Leroy White to give us some leadership where we need it," says Nehlen.

White, a junior fullback, gained 260 yards last season as a backup. At tailback, where Walker set a school record with 1,250 yards in 1993 (he and Gary combined for a total of only 1,012 in 1995), sophomore Curtis Keaton (28 carries, 136 yards) will vie with junior Khari Mott (11 carries, 37 yards) and redshirt freshmen Amos Zereoue and Alvin Swoope.

The Mountaineers look solid at receiver. Saunders, a sophomore, was West Virginia's leading receiver a year ago. He set a school freshman record with 38 catches for 682 yards and five touchdowns. His 130 yards against Purdue in the opener were the most ever by a West Virginia receiver in his first game. Senior Vanterpool earned second-team all-conference honors for the second year in a row with 34 receptions for 606 yards and three TDs. The third-year starter ranks among West Virginia's career top 10 with 95 receptions, 1,601 receiving yards and 3,282 all-purpose yards.

"I think the emergence of (sophomore Shawn) Foreman has been a big plus, and (senior Matt) McCutty and (sophomore Jerald) Long give us good experience," Nehlen says of his receivers.

Foreman, who played in the secondary before



Chad Johnston

doing two-way duty in the final three games, caught four passes for 56 yards.

Tight end Lovett Purnell and backup Shawn Lutz both graduated, and Nehlen says the position "will receive a lot of scrutiny. That was an important position for us last season (Purnell had 37 catches for 614 yards and six touchdowns), and we need to continue that production. I think working in Eric Boykin can help us."

The senior Boykin, a two-year backup quarterback who started three games in 1994, is now a tight end and H-back.

Junior Chad Wable and redshirt freshman Anthony Becht also are in the picture.

Nehlen says the Mountaineers "need to develop a dominant offensive line. Because of inexperience

and then injuries we were unable to do that last year. Yet, as the season went on, we were better with our run blocking and with our pass blocking."

The line will have to be rebuilt around senior tackle Bryan Washington, although junior tackle Frank Birts, senior guard Mike Horn, junior guard Bill McElroy and sophomore guard Ted Daniels all got some starts a year ago. Nehlen has plenty of other bodies to choose from, including junior tackle Sam Austin, sophomore guards Randy Dunnigan and Bryan Pukenas, and sophomore center Eric deGroh.

Senior rush linebacker Canute Curtis has become one of the dominant players in the Big East. He earned second-team all-conference honors last year with 62 tackles, 10 sacks, seven other tackles for loss and five pass breakups.

Curtis is joined on the front line by some outstanding talent. Sophomore Kevin Landolt started every game last year at tackle. Junior Henry Slay and sophomore Charlton Forbes return at nose tackle. Sophomore John Thornton split time at drop end with the departed John Browning. Junior Bob Baum can play either end position.

Senior Bernard Russ on the strong side leads a speedy group of linebackers. Senior Bernardo Amerson started some on the strong side, while senior Elige Longino started on the weak side and junior Jamie Sweeney got a couple of starting assignments. Junior Jason Williams, who started the season finale, is the leading candidate to replace J.T. Thomas, the team's leading tackler the last two years, in the middle.

The only loss in the secondary is a big one: All-America cornerback Aaron Beasley, who tied the school record with 19 career interceptions and led the nation in 1994 with 10 picks. The candidates to succeed him include redshirt freshmen Anton Anderson, Perlo Bastien and Gary Thompkins, and senior Kerry Siverand.

The defensive backfield is the strength of the defense. Returning are three seniors: strong safety Charles Emanuel, cornerback Mike Logan and free safety Vann Washington.

Junior Bryan Baumann (10-of-16 field goals, 29-of-30 PATs) is back to handle the placekicking, and West Virginia signed Jade Stillings, an outstanding junior college punter who will likely replace senior Brian West who averaged 35.3 yards on 28 punts.

Vanterpool ranked among the Big East leaders in kickoff (22.4-yard average) and punt returns (10.5) last year and probably will share those duties with Logan, who had averages of 24.0 and 11.5 in minimal action.

The non-conference schedule includes East Carolina, Maryland, Purdue and Western Michigan. West Virginia has played a Mid-American Conference team in each of the last nine years and is 8-0-1 in those games. Two of the victories have come against Bowling Green, Nehlen's alma mater.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (4)

SE	26	Rahsaan Vanterpool (Sr., 3); 16 Shawn Foreman (So., 1)
TE	6	David Saunders (So., 1); 5 Jerald Long (So., 0)
FB	87	Chad Wable (Jr., 0); 11 Eric Boykin (Sr., 2)
LT	71	Bryan Washington (Sr., 2); 72 Solomon Page (Fr., 0)
LG	69	Mike Horn (Sr., 2); 59 Ted Daniels (So., 1)
C	67	Eric deGroh (So., 1); 63 Matt Ceresa (Jr., 0)
RG	97	Bryan Pukenas (So., 0); 74 Bill McElroy (Jr., 1)
RT	66	Frank Birts (Jr., 1); 79 Sam Austin (Jr., 1)
QB	8	Chad Johnston (Sr., 2); 3 Wilkie Perez (So., 0)
FB	34	Leroy White (Jr., 1); 46 Anthony Green (Fr., 0)
TB	28	Curtis Keaton (So., 0); 24 Amos Zereoue (Fr., 0)
PK	7	Bryan Baumann (Jr., 2)

### DEFENSE (9)

NT	78	Henry Slay (Jr., 2); 95 Charlton Forbes (So., 0)
DE	96	John Thornton (So., 1); 51 Ryan Price (Jr., 1)
DT	45	Bob Baum (Jr., 2); 98 Kevin Landolt (So., 1)
WLB	81	Elige Longino (Sr., 3); 48 Jamie Sweeney (Jr., 1)
RLB	42	Canute Curtis (Sr., 3); 50 Steve Lippe (Jr., 2)
MLB	44	Jason Williams (Jr., 2); 49 Ryan Brady (Fr., 0)
SLB	91	Bernard Russ (Sr., 1); 58 Bernardo Amerson (Sr., 2)
SC	23	Mike Logan (Sr., 3); 30 Anton Anderson (Fr., 0)
WC	28	Kerry Siverand (Sr., 1); 24 Perlo Bastien (Fr., 0)
SS	2	Charles Emanuel (Sr., 3); 50 Barrett Green (Fr., 0)
FS	1	Vann Washington (Sr., 3); 3 Gary Thompkins (Fr., 0)
P		Jade Stillings (Jr., 0)

(P) Indicates Player of the Year Winner  
 BOLD indicates returning starter  
 NUMBER AND CLASS INDICATES LETTERMAN



**Head Coach:** George Welsh  
**1995 Record (ACC):** 9-4-0 (7-1-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 5th ACC

**F**lorida State, a relative Atlantic Coast Conference newcomer, isn't the only league team sporting impressive streaks.

True, Virginia's numbers are more modest than the Seminoles' run of 11 straight bowl wins, nine seasons in a row with 10 or more wins and nine consecutive finishes in the Associated Press Top 4. But Virginia boasts ACC-record streaks of nine consecutive winning seasons (all with seven or more wins), 300 or more points scored seven years running and at least one interception in 29 straight games.

The Cavaliers beat second-ranked FSU 33-28 during a heart-stopping 9-4 campaign that also featured one-point last-play losses at Michigan and Texas. Virginia tied the Seminoles for the ACC championship at 7-1.

Offensively, George Welsh, the winningest coach in school history (98-63-3) must find replacements for record-setting quarterback Mike Groh (2,510 passing yards in 1995), as well as three starters on the line. The top item of business for the defense is to replace three starters in the secondary.

Candidates to replace Groh are senior Tim Sherman and sophomore Aaron Brooks.

Sherman, whose father Tom coaches Virginia's wide receivers, was Groh's backup a year ago and played in six games, completing 11-of-17 passes (64.7 percent) for 182 yards and two touchdowns without an interception. Brooks saw action in one game and threw two passes: an incompletion and an interception.

Sherman "has a good arm, he's faster than Groh and he's a smart football player," Welsh says.

All-conference senior tailback Tiki Barber, whom the Cavaliers are touting as a Heisman Trophy candidate, set school records last season with 1,397 rushing yards and 1,906 all-purpose yards. He averaged 5.3 yards a carry and 116.4 yards a game, caught 22 passes for 216 yards, returned 32 punts for an 8.5-yard average and scored 16 touchdowns.

"He's got to be one of the two or three best in the country," Welsh says.

Senior Darrell Medley and junior Charles Kirby return at fullback.

Junior wide receiver Germane Crowell, who tallied 27 catches for 371 yards and a team-high five touchdowns, heads a group that includes juniors Derrick Byrd and Bryan Owen and sophomore Brian McCarthy. Senior tight end Walt Derey caught 15 passes.

"I think we've got enough talent to keep a pretty good passing attack," Welsh says.

With the loss of Chris Harrison, Jason Augustino and John Slocum, the returning regulars on the offensive front wall are senior guard Jeremy Raley (26 straight starts) and senior center Tom Locklin.

The competition at tackle includes senior Mike Kelly, juniors Doug Karczewski and Julius Williams, and sophomore Robert Hunt. The



Tiki Barber

most experienced contender for the open guard spot is junior Trevor Britton.

"The line is going to be the key to our success on offense," Welsh says. "We've come to expect a pretty high performance on the offensive line, and I think we can expect the same this year."

Defensively, Virginia ranked 10th nationally against the rush (109.2 yards a game), and three starters return up front. Senior tackle Todd White led the squad's down linemen with 77 tackles and was in on four sacks. Senior ends Jon Harris and Duane Ashman are returning starters and strong pass rushers. Harris led the Cavs with eight sacks and Ashman was second with six.

Sophomores Tony Dingle and Johnny Shivers will compete for the tackle spot alongside White.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (5)

WR	17	Germane Crowell (Jr., 1); 29 Bryan Owen (Jr., 1)
LT	79	Doug Karczewski (Jr., 1); 53 Mike Kelly (Sr., 1)
LG	69	Jeremy Raley (Sr., 3); 74 Noel LaMontagne (Fr., 0)
C	52	Tom Locklin (Sr., 2); 75 Matt Link (Jr., 0)
RG	63	Trevor Britton (Jr., 1); 54 Darren Garland (So., 0)
RT	60	Robert Hunt (So., 0); 56 Julius Williams (Jr., 1)
TE	87	Walt Derey (Sr., 2); 86 Casey Crawford (Fr., 0)
QB	11	Aaron Brooks (So., 0); 7 Tim Sherman (Sr., 3)
FB	34	Darrell Medley (Sr., 3); 36 Charles Kirby (Jr., 2)
TB	21	Tiki Barber (Sr., 2); 25 Anthony Southern (Fr., 0)
WR	8	Derrick Byrd (Jr., 2); 6 Brian McCarthy (So., 0)
PK	16	Rafael Garcia (Sr., 3)

### DEFENSE (6)

DE	98	Jon Harris (Sr., 3); 95 Travis Griffith (Fr., 0)
LT	89	Tony Dingle (So., 1); 99 Johnny Shivers (So., 1)
RT	91	Todd White (Sr., 3); 85 Maurice Anderson (Fr., 0)
DE	94	Duane Ashman (Sr., 3); 96 Patrick Kerney (So., 1)
LB	42	James Farrior (Sr., 3); 9 Shannon Taylor (Fr., 0)
LB	30	Dillon Taylor (Fr., 0); 44 Wali Rainer (So., 1)
LB	33	Jamie Sharper (Sr., 3); 47 Jami'h Rainer (Fr., 0)
S	3	Anthony Poindexter (So., 1); 22 Wally Elgiebe (Fr., 0)
S	40	Marcus Bullett (Fr., 0); 23 Joe Williams (Jr., 2)
CB	19	Ronde Barber (Jr., 2); 49 Stephen Pheasant (Jr., 2)
CB	23	Joe Williams (Jr., 2); 14 Sam McKiver (Sr., 2)
P	10	Will Brice (Sr., 3)

(P) INDICATES PUNTER OF RETURNING SENIORS  
 BOLD INDICATES RETURNING SENIORS  
 NUMBER AFTER CLASS INDICATES LETTERS WON

"Virginia has played us as well as any team in the league over the past four years," says former Maryland quarterback Scott Milanovich. "They have a great defensive line, and that allows them to drop eight guys back and still get pressure on the quarterback."

Senior outside linebackers James Farrior and Jamie Sharper provide big-play capability. They were Virginia's 1-2 tacklers a year ago and are postseason honors candidates. Missing is middle linebacker Skeet Jones, Virginia's defensive MVP in the 34-27 Peach Bowl victory over Georgia.

Farrior led the way with 122 tackles. He also broke up nine passes, blocked two kicks, intercepted a pass and recovered a fumble. Sharper, the Cavaliers' leading tackler in 1994, was in on 95 stops in '95 despite missing two games with a knee injury.

"They can rush the passer, play coverage and play man-to-man on backs," Welsh says.

The Cavs ranked second nationally with 25 interceptions, but the lone returning starter in the secondary is junior cornerback Ronde Barber, Tiki's twin brother and a first-team all-conference selection in each of his first two seasons. Ronde has 12 career interceptions, eight of which came in 1994 when he was ACC Rookie of the Year.

Junior Joe Williams started at cornerback against Florida State and can play either cornerback or safety. Sophomore Anthony Poindexter, who saw action both as a defensive back and linebacker and finished third on the team in tackles with 93, is expected to be a full-time safety this year. Senior Sam McKiver and freshman Marcus Bullett also will compete for a cornerback job.

Senior All-America punter Will Brice averaged a league-leading 41.2 yards on 73 punts, including 17 boots of 50 yards or more. Remarkable statistics considering that he punted 26 inside the 20-yard line.

Senior kicker Rafael Garcia set Virginia records with 20 successful field goals (second nationally), including a record-tying 56-yarder against Texas, and 27 attempts. His 37 career field goals are one short of the school record, and he is eighth on the Cavaliers' scoring list with 176 points.

Wilkins ran back nine kickoffs for a 16.4-yard average. Tiki Barber will again return punts.

"George Welsh has taken a program over 14 years from where it was barely competitive in its own conference to where it's nationally ranked and nationally respected," Texas coach John Mackovic says. "They play their best against the best teams."

Welsh thinks the Cavaliers have "enough talent to get to the seven- or eight-win level again, and hopefully better."

Welsh's next victory will make him the winningest coach in ACC history (he's tied with Bill Dooley). Mark down another first-division finish for the Cavaliers and a seventh bowl trip in eight years, provided the newcomers at quarterback and on the offensive line deliver.



**Head Coach:** Nick Saban  
**1995 Record (Big Ten):** 6-5-1 (4-3-1)  
**1996 Pick:** 6th Big Ten

Say this much for Nick Saban: He doesn't waste time. And he doesn't mince words. After watching eventual national champion Nebraska disassemble Michigan State 50-10 in his debut as the Spartans' coach, Saban told the press, "To put it bluntly, I felt our players quit."

The perennially underachieving Spartans had worn that label before but never courtesy of their own mentor. Saban's assessment apparently ignited his players, because by the end of the 1995 campaign, Michigan State had produced its first winning record in five years.

The Spartans stunned rival Michigan and nearly upset Penn State. They won three road games and emerged from another with a tie. The Spartans also earned an invitation to the Independence Bowl, where they were defeated by LSU. Saban accomplished the turnaround with an anonymous group that placed only two players — quarterback Tony Banks and offensive tackle Bob Denton — on the first- or second-team all-conference squads. That seemed somehow fitting for a hard-working, no-nonsense guy who might be the least-recognizable coach in the Big Ten. Saban equates press conferences with trips to the dentist and would rather spend a spring afternoon concocting a new blitz package than glad-handing alumni at a golf outing.

Saban may be slightly ahead of schedule in his bid to resurrect one of the Midwest's sleeping grid-iron giants. But don't think for a moment that he's about to relax in his second season in East Lansing.

"Now that we have a year behind us, we are looking forward to building on what we have worked to establish," he says. "The team has a better idea of what we expect from them, and the coaches are more familiar with the returning players. That should enhance our opportunity to improve for the coming season."

The Spartans face the unenviable task of replacing Banks, who passed for 3,781 yards in his two years as the starting signal-caller. The likely starter is junior Todd Schultz, who won two of his three starts when Banks went down with an injury last September. Schultz completed 52-of-83 passes for 570 yards, but he was intercepted six times.

His primary backup looks to be junior Damien Hiram, who played in five games. Sophomore Gus Ornstein, a transfer from Notre Dame, also is likely to contend for playing time.

Junior tailback Marc Renaud hopes to pick up where he left off in a breakthrough season that saw him rush for 978 yards. Renaud scored just three touchdowns because the Spartans tended to give the ball to fullback Scott Greene near the goal line. Greene is gone, and junior Travis Reece looks to be his replacement.

After Renaud, the experience level drops considerably. The Spartans have a trio of backups — junior Antwain Patrick and sophomores Bill Greene and Andre Barkley — who have combined for 83 carries in their collegiate careers.

Four of the top six pass catchers return. The Spar-



Derrick Mason

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tans have one of the Big Ten's best in senior Derrick Mason, who finished fourth in the league with 4.3 catches per game.

Senior Nigea Carter (14.8 yards per reception) returns at flanker. Carter nabbed two touchdown passes, including a 25-yarder with 1:24 to go that sealed the upset win over Michigan.

Junior Josh Keur returns at tight end.

The right side of the offensive line is solid, with junior Flozell Adams at tackle and senior Brian Mosallam at guard. But there's inexperience at center. Redshirt freshman Casey Jensen and sophomore Jason Strayhorn will compete for the starting job, while junior Scott Shaw is slated for left guard and junior Dave Mudge for left tackle.

Michigan State conceded 207 rushing yards per

game, second-worst in the Big Ten. It was a performance which must have been painful for Saban, who brought a reputation as a defensive wizard from the Cleveland Browns.

If the rush defense is going to improve — and it must if the Spartans are to duplicate or surpass last year's success — the four-man defensive front will have to step up. It also must do a better job pressuring the quarterback; seven Big Ten teams totaled more sacks than the Spartans in 1995.

The right side is in the capable hands of senior tackle Chris Smith, an all-conference candidate, and senior end Jabbar Threats.

At left end, sophomore Dimitrius Underwood has shown promise. Junior Greg Reid is penciled in at left tackle.

"We have better depth than a year ago," Saban says. "But we still have a lot of improving to do."

The Spartan linebackers are tough and experienced and provide the backbone of what could be a punishing defense.

The man in the middle is senior Reggie Garnett, who led the team in tackles with 111; he's likely to receive consideration as a Butkus Award candidate. Garnett is flanked by junior Ike Reese and senior Carl Reaves, who was third on the team in tackles with 84.

This group comprises as good a linebacking corps as the Spartans have had since their Rose Bowl season of 1987, when Percy Snow patrolled the middle.

The secondary came under fire in season-ending losses to Penn State and LSU. But three of the four starters return: senior left safety Marvin Wright, sophomore right safety Sorie Kanu and junior right cornerback Raymond Hill. Senior Brian Echols is the likely starter on the left corner.

"We have some experience in the secondary and that's good, because it's important that we improve on big plays allowed," Saban says.

Michigan State ranked 10th nationally in both kickoff and punt returns, thanks largely to Mason, the Big Ten's all-time leading kickoff returner. Mason tallied 26.3 yards per return and uncorked two for touchdowns, including a 100-yard kickoff return in the Independence Bowl. He also ran back a punt for a TD.

Placekicking will again be handled by junior Chris Gardner, who connected on 11-of-15 field-goal attempts last year. Junior Roger Fleenor is slated to take over the punting duties from Chris Salani, who graduated.

During the off-season, Michigan State received a letter of inquiry from the NCAA about possible recruiting violations during the tenure of former head coach George Perles. During the winter, the university voluntarily cut its new 1996 scholarships to 23 from 25 and reduced the number of campus visits by prospects.

Saban says he won't tolerate even a hint of impropriety: "The football program at Michigan State reflects my belief in character, hard work and doing things the right way without cutting corners."

depth chart

OFFENSE (5)

- WR 80 Derrick Mason (Sr., 3); 19 Charles Clark (Jr., 0)
- LT 65 Dave Mudge (Jr., 1); 75 Shane Adkins (Fr., 0)
- LG 73 Scott Shaw (Jr., 1); 74 Max Nixon (Fr., 0)
- C 64 Casey Jensen (Fr., 0); 79 Jason Strayhorn (So., 0)
- RG 63 Brian Mosallam (Sr., 2); 72 Don Walker (Jr., 2)
- RT 76 Flozell Adams (Jr., 2); 69 Josh Freeman (Jr., 0)
- TE 83 Josh Keur (Jr., 2); 87 Marcus Chapman (So., 1)
- QB 9 Todd Schultz (Jr., 1); 4 Damien Hiram (Jr., 1)
- FB 41 Travis Reece (Jr., 2); 45 Garrett Gould (So., 1)
- TB 26 Marc Renaud (Jr., 2); 32 Antwain Patrick (Jr., 2)
- FL 81 Nigea Carter (Sr., 3); 20 Octavious Long (Jr., 1)
- PK 14 Chris Gardner (Jr., 2)

DEFENSE (8)

- LE 99 Dimitrius Underwood (So., 1); 93 Matt Laurino (Fr., 0)
- LT 67 Greg Reid (Jr., 1); 95 Davarrio Carter (Fr., 0)
- RT 96 Chris Smith (Sr., 3); 62 Robert Newkirk (Fr., 0)
- RE 94 Jabbar Threats (Sr., 1); 23 Tim Laws (So., 0)
- OLB 55 Carl Reaves (Sr., 2); 53 Courtney Ledyard (So., 1)
- MLB 22 Reggie Garnett (Sr., 3); 37 Tyrone Garland (Jr., 2)
- OLB 44 Ike Reese (Jr., 2); 56 Dwayne Hawkins (So., 1)
- LC 35 Brian Echols (Sr., 3); 3 Amp Campbell (So., 0)
- LS 18 Marvin Wright (Sr., 3); 29 Lenar Marshall (So., 1)
- RS 6 Sorie Kanu (So., 1); 28 Dan Hackenbracht (Jr., 1)
- RC 10 Raymond Hill (Jr., 1); 36 Aldi Henry (Sr., 3)
- P 15 Roger Fleenor (Jr., 0)

(#) Indicates Number of Returning Starters  
BOLD indicates returning starters  
NUMBER AFTER CLASS INDICATES LETTERS WON



**Head Coach:** Hayden Fry  
**1995 Record (Big Ten):** 8-4-0 (4-4-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 7th Big Ten

The whispering began in the fall of 1994, when Iowa stumbled to its second straight losing Big Ten record. Throughout the state, the Hawkeye faithful quietly wondered whether Hayden Fry had lost his touch. Some even suggested — quietly, of course — that the legendary coach should think about hanging up his whistle.

But Fry wasn't about to do so. And two years later, he has the rabid followers of the Black and Gold talking again. But now they're speculating about a return to glory for Iowa football and the possibility of the school's first trip to the Rose Bowl since the 1990 season.

Taken as a whole, last fall's 8-4 campaign was a model of inconsistency. The Hawkeyes won their first five games, mostly against overmatched opponents, then lost to Penn State, Ohio State, Illinois and Northwestern. Iowa concluded the campaign with decisive wins over Wisconsin and Minnesota. However, it was a 38-18 thrashing of Washington, the Pacific-10 co-champion, in the Sun Bowl that had Iowa fans exulting.

Fry isn't given to hyperbole, but even he can't contain his enthusiasm. "Overall, I feel real good about this team," he says. "We'll go into the season with a lot of momentum and a great attitude."

The Hawkeyes are again strong at quarterback as a pair of veterans return: junior Matt Sherman, who started every game last fall, and senior Ryan Driscoll, who lost the starting job in 1994 when he broke his collarbone. Sherman threw for 2,546 yards a year ago and finished third in the Big Ten in passing efficiency. He's 10-4 as a starter.

"Any time you have a quality veteran returning at quarterback you feel real good, and we've got two," Fry says.

As he enters his final season, Sedrick Shaw is already the most decorated running back at a school that has produced such standouts as Ronnie Harmon, Ed Podolak, Nick Bell and Owen Gill. He is Iowa's career leader in rushing yards (3,040) and carries (613), and owns the single-season records for rushing yards (1,477) and rushing touchdowns (15). Shaw's next TD will be the 25th of his career, another record.

Shaw, who was named the Sun Bowl MVP, is the type of runner who just keeps pounding until he has overwhelmed foes. If he rushes for 1,000 yards in '96, Shaw will become only the seventh runner in Big Ten history to hit that mark three times. Shaw's backup is junior Tavian Banks, who has the ability to start at almost any skill position.

At fullback, senior Rodney Filer hopes to rebound from knee surgery. If not, Iowa has a capable starter in sophomore Michael Burger.

Standing just 5-9, Tim Dwight doesn't look as though he would merit even single coverage, but Big Ten defensive coordinators know better. The junior standout thrilled fans with nine touchdown grabs, 816 receiving yards and 46 catches. The Hawkeyes have another fine target in senior split end Demosneeds Odems III, who caught 19 passes for 338 yards last year.



Usually one of Iowa's strongest areas, the offensive line is a major concern as the fall approaches, with only senior left tackle Ross Verba and junior right guard Mike Goff returning. There are only two lettermen among the reserves, so depth is a problem. Senior Bill Reardon will take over at center and has his work cut out for him.

"Next to quarterback, the hardest position for us to replace in our offense is center," Fry says. "The line is too big a question mark for me to project how good our offense will be."

In its final three games, the Hawkeye defense allowed a combined total of 71 net yards rushing. That was an encouraging sign that a young but talented front wall was beginning to mesh.

The tackles are sophomore Jared DeVries and

junior Jon LaFleur. DeVries capped an outstanding season by earning Most Valuable Lineman honors at the Sun Bowl. The best pass rusher, and possibly Iowa's best defensive player, is senior Bill Ennis-Inge, who recorded 12 sacks and 17 tackles for losses last year.

Nose guard, a key position in the Hawkeyes' 5-2 set, is perhaps the team's greatest question mark. Aron Klein, a sophomore with only 13 career tackles, is expected to start, but he'll be pushed by sophomore Steve English.

The Hawkeyes will sorely miss graduated Bobby Diaco, a second-team all-conference linebacker who brought fire and experience to the defense. He'll be replaced by sophomore Matt Hughes, who made a favorable impression on special teams.

The top returnee is Vernon Rollins, who ranked second on the team with 100 tackles as a

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— Hayden Fry

redshirt freshman. Senior Mark Mitchell is the only other linebacker with a varsity letter.

Iowa intercepted 18 passes last year, returning four for touchdowns. Junior cornerback Plez Atkins led the Big Ten with six picks. He returned two for scores, as did the other cornerback, senior Tom Knight. Senior free safety Damien Robinson intercepted five passes.

With two lettermen at every position, the secondary ought to be even stronger in 1996.

Punter Nick Gallery, a senior, was a first-team all-conference pick after leading the Big Ten with a 45.3-yard average. He recorded 13 punts of at least 50 yards and nailed back-to-back punts of 71 and 70 yards against Ohio State.

Zach Bromert, a walk-on freshman last year, hit 7-of-8 field goals and 35-of-36 extra points. Brion Hurley, a senior, lost his starting spot early in 1995 but rebounded in the Sun Bowl, connecting on field goals of 47, 49 and 50 yards. He handles kickoff chores and pooch punts.

It's usually difficult to determine how good Iowa is in September because Fry likes to load his non-conference schedule with walkovers. In 1996, however, the Hawkeyes will face Arizona in the season opener, fast-improving Iowa State the next week and unpredictable Tulsa the next. Fry's charges will learn much about themselves early.

The Big Ten slate nicely suits Iowa, looking for its first league title in six years. The toughest test is an Oct. 19 visit to Penn State. After that, Iowa's toughest foes, Ohio State and defending league champ Northwestern, visit Kinnick Stadium.

Hampered by injuries the last two seasons, Iowa is due a break. If the Hawkeyes can remain healthy, don't be surprised to see them in the Rose Bowl hunt all year.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (7)

WR	10	Demo Odems (Sr., 3): 18 Damon Gibson (Jr., 1)
LT	73	Ross Verba (Sr., 3): 61 Ted Serama (Sr., 1)
LG	76	Matt Reischl (So., 1): 57 Keith Rigrup (Jr., 0)
C	63	Bill Reardon (Sr., 3): 67 Chad Deal (Fr., 0)
RG	79	Mike Goff (Jr., 2): 59 Shalor Pryor (Fr., 0)
RT	68	Jeremy McKinney (Jr., 2): 58 Jared Kerkhoff (So., 0)
TE	81	Chris Knipper (So., 0): 80 Zeron Flemister (Fr., 0)
QB	12	Matt Sherman (Jr., 2): 7 Ryan Driscoll (Sr., 2)
FL	6	Tim Dwight (Jr., 2): 1 Richard Willock (Jr., 1)
RB	5	Sedrick Shaw (Sr., 3): 22 Tavian Banks (Jr., 2)
FB	85	Michael Burger (So., 1): 36 Aaron Granquist (Sr., 0)
PK	38	Zach Bromert (So., 1)

### DEFENSE (7)

LE	47	Brett Chambers (Sr., 2): 28 Jason House (Jr., 2)
LT	94	Jared DeVries (So., 1): 72 Epenesa Epenesa (Jr., 0)
NG	90	Aron Klein (So., 1): 52 Steve English (So., 0)
RT	55	Jon LaFleur (Jr., 2): 99 Jon Ortlieb (Sr., 2)
RE	9	Bill Ennis-Inge (Sr., 3): 40 Paul Moten (Fr., 0)
LB	37	Matt Hughes (So., 1): 36 Scott Yoder (Jr., 0)
LB	56	Vernon Rollins (So., 1): 92 Mark Mitchell (Sr., 2)
LC	8	Tom Knight (Sr., 3): 30 Billy Coats (Sr., 3)
SS	15	Kerry Cooks (Jr., 2): 33 J.P. Lange (Jr., 1)
FS	3	Damien Robinson (Sr., 3): 21 Eric Thigpen (So., 1)
RC	23	Plez Atkins (Jr., 2): 26 Ed Gibson (Jr., 1)
P	46	Nick Gallery (Sr., 3)

(R) Indicates member of returning starters  
 Bold indicates returning starters  
 Number after class indicates letters won



**Head Coach:** LaVell Edwards  
**1995 Record (WAC):** 7-4-0 (6-2-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 2nd WAC Mountain

Outside of three-putt greens and flowers that refuse to bloom, not much bothers LaVell Edwards, preparing for his 25th season as Brigham Young's coach.

Well, add losing to Utah to the short list.

The Utes' three-year reign over their rival sounds like a straight-sets tennis victory: 34-31, 34-31, 34-17.

"No question about it, it's something we have to get squared away," says Edwards.

The Cougars still earned a share of the WAC title last year, though they received no bowl invitation for the first time since 1977. While the Utah streak hovered above the Cougars all winter, the true off-season motivator was the scheduling of a Pigskin Classic meeting in Provo with Texas A&M in August. That game and a mid-September visit to Washington will determine whether BYU makes any national impact.

As for the WAC Mountain Division, the race could come down to BYU vs. Utah in Salt Lake City in the Cougars' 13th game of the season. BYU will try to play twice more after that — in the WAC championship game and in a bowl.

Even though the Cougars stayed home for the holidays in 1995, Colorado State coach Sonny Lubick still compares his program to BYU's, envying the Cougars consistency.

"They just keep rolling 'em out," Lubick says.

Senior Steve Sarkisian was the first quarterback to arrive at BYU as a junior college transfer and start immediately. He adjusted smoothly, completing 64.9 percent of his passes for 3,437 yards and 20 scores, with 14 interceptions.

"They have a tremendous system," says Colorado State defensive coordinator Larry Kerr. "They find good athletes and teach them very well. It seems like they just reload all the time."

And once Sarkisian became comfortable with the system, he thrived.

"(He) had some amazing games last year," says Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry, whose team Sarkisian faced in his first major college start.

Fresno State coach Jim Sweeney says, "He does so much; he works the route left, he works the route right. And when he's out of options, he finds the receiver who has blocked as long as he could block. That's extremely difficult to do."

Sarkisian suffered from inconsistency during the season but shined in the last game at Fresno State, completing 31-of-34 passes for 399 yards and three touchdowns.

Sophomore Paul Shoemaker is his backup.

After losing versatile fullback Hema Heimuli, BYU needs senior Mark Atuaia to assume greater responsibilities. Atuaia rushed for 374 yards and caught 15 passes last year.

Junior Dustin Johnson, sophomore Aaron Cupp and redshirt freshman Ned Stearns have shown encouraging signs. The key running back could be junior college transfer Brian McKenzie, who reports in August. Senior Itula Mili also carries the ball occasionally as an H-back.



Steve Sarkisian

Seniors K.O. Kealaluhi and Kaipo McGuire appear ready to step forward as the primary wide receivers after catching 28 and 24 passes respectively. Senior James Dye, who played running back at Utah State and then moved to defense after transferring to BYU, is back on offense and could give the Cougars the speed they have often lacked at receiver. Juco transfer Aaron Roderick and junior Jared Kennedy could also join the rotation.

Senior tight end Chad Lewis caught 31 passes before an ankle injury ended his season in the eighth game. Mili, who will line up in a variety of positions, tallied 36 receptions in seven games, missing four contests while suspended.

Cougar line coach Roger French experimented

in spring drills, trying to make sure his best five linemen were on the field. He switched All-WAC guard Larry Moore to center and shifted senior James Johnson from tackle to guard.

Junior Matt Cox is expected to move into Johnson's right tackle position, with sophomore Eric Bateman at left tackle and junior Greg Hoaglund at right guard. Freshman Jon Tait figures to play at tackle.

The Cougars' defensive line is young. Redshirt freshman Byron Frisch and sophomore Daren Yancey will rotate with sophomore Ed Kehl at defensive end. Senior Henry Bloomfield and junior Harland Ah You will play the tackle spots.

"The mainstay of our defense is Shay Muirbrook," says Sarkisian. "When he's playing good, the entire defense is playing good."

Middle linebacker Muirbrook garnered first-team All-WAC honors and had four games with at least 10 tackles, including 12 stops against UCLA. Sophomore Brad Martin is on the strong side with Dennis Simmons manning the weak side. Junior Spencer Reid is a quality backup.

The Cougar secondary made a comeback last season, intercepting 14 passes (five more than the year before). The defensive backs' improvement helped BYU move to fourth in the WAC in total defense.

Senior safety Eddie Sampson led the team in tackles with 9.5 stops a game and in interceptions with five. Senior cornerback Tim McTyler grabbed four interceptions.

"Our defensive backs laid a lot of big hits on people," says Sarkisian. "They let people know that when they catch the ball, they're going to pay a price."

Senior Lane Hale should be solid at strong safety, but BYU needs help at the cornerback spot opposite McTyler. Sophomore Dustin Staley earned the job in the spring, but substantial contributions are expected in August from juco transfer Omarr Morgan.

Dye led the nation with a 21.9-yard average on 20 punt returns, including touchdown runbacks of 84 yards against San Diego State and 90 yards against Wyoming. He added a 75-yard return against Tulsa.

Roderick will join Dye on kickoff returns. Senior Alan Boardman is a dependable punter, with a 41.2-yard average last year. Placekicking was a problem for much of last season, but Ethan Pochman had an encouraging spring.

The Cougars will always contend for WAC championships. "They are BYU, and they have that winning attitude," says New Mexico defensive end Buddy Billingsley.

The first three non-conference games (Arkansas State between Texas A&M and Washington) will reveal much about this team. Regardless, the Mountain Division race should be settled Nov. 23 at Utah. BYU was 5-38-4 against Utah before Edwards assumed command, then went 19-2 before the recent 0-3 stumble.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (6)

WR	K.O. Kealaluhi (Sr., 3); Ben Cahoon (Jr., 0)
WR	Kaipo McGuire (Sr., 3); James Dye (Sr., 1)
TE	Chad Lewis (Sr., 3); Itula Mili (Sr., 3)
RT	Eric Bateman (So., 1); Charles Jones (Jr., 0)
RG	Greg Hoaglund (Jr., 0); Nathan Howard (So., 0)
C	Larry Moore (Sr., 1); Murray Zogg (Sr., 1)
LG	James Johnson (Sr., 3); Jason Anderson (Jr., 1)
LT	Matt Cox (Jr., 2); John Tait (Fr., 0)
QB	Steve Sarkisian (Sr., 1); Paul Shoemaker (So., 1)
HB	Dustin Johnson (Jr., 1); Ned Stearns (Fr., 0)
FB	Mark Atuaia (Sr., 3); Aaron Cupp (So., 1)
PK	Ethan Pochman (Sr., 0); Cade Schaeffer (Jr., 0)

### DEFENSE (7)

LE	Ed Kehl (So., 1); Byron Frisch (Fr., 0)
LT	Henry Bloomfield (Sr., 1); Shane Magalei (Fr., 0)
RT	Harland Ah You (Jr., 1); Issiah Magalei (Fr., 0)
RE	Daren Yancey (So., 1); Ed Lamb (Sr., 1)
SLB	Brad Martin (So., 1); Donny Atuaia (Fr., 0)
MLB	Shay Muirbrook (Sr., 3); Spencer Reid (Jr., 2)
WLB	Dennis Simmons (Sr., 3); Nate Foreman (Fr., 0)
RC	Dustin Staley (So., 1); Nikia McKinney (Jr., 0)
WS	Eddie Sampson (Sr., 2); Tyler Nelson (Fr., 0)
SS	Lane Hale (Sr., 1); Jason Walker (So., 1)
LC	Tim McTyler (Sr., 1); Ben Cook (Jr., 1)
P	Alan Boardman (Sr., 3)

(R) Replaces number of returning starters  
 (BOLD) players returned starters  
 NUMBER After Cuts/Injured/Leave/Out



**Head Coach:** Dick Tomey  
**1995 Record (Pac-10):** 6-5-0 (4-4-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 5th Pac-10

**W**hen I think about last season, what I think about is the last quarter of the last game," says Arizona coach Dick Tomey. "That's something to build on."

During a 61-second span against rival Arizona State, Wildcat quarterback Dan White threw a six-yard touchdown pass to tailback Gary Taylor, and tackle Joe Salave'a picked up a fumble by Sun Devil QB Jake Plummer, returning it six yards for a touchdown to knot the score at 28. On their next possession, the Wildcats drove to a game-clinching field goal.

The win put a happy ending on a season that had begun with high hopes that were dashed by the death of tight end Damon Terrell and what Tomey calls the team's worst season of injuries since 1991.

The grit Arizona displayed in last fall's final quarter and 17 returning starters give Tomey reason to believe that the 6-5 record was an aberration and that, this year, the Wildcats will again challenge for a Pacific-10 title.

White's replacement will be junior Brady Batten, who is more mobile and has enough experience (26-of-60 passing for 362 yards and three touchdowns last fall) to settle in quickly. Batten will be pushed by redshirt freshman Keith Smith, whose size (5-10, 185 pounds) made many recruiters skittish but whose passing records were enough to keep Arizona interested. He threw for a California high school-record 4,244 yards as a senior and a state-record 9,971 yards in three seasons.

Both will benefit from new offensive coordinator Homer Smith, whose imaginative schemes proved eminently successful in two tours at UCLA and two at Alabama.

Taylor, a senior tailback, rushed for 714 yards and caught 33 passes for 290 more. He also hit White with a 13-yard touchdown pass on a throwback play against Oregon State. Taylor will be pressed by redshirt freshman Leon Blunt, a transfer, and by the knowledge that Arizona's 1995 running game was woeful.

Depth will be provided by sophomore Scooter Sprotte and junior Kevin Schmidtknecht (77 carries, 203 yards), the Wildcats' second-leading rusher.

Fullback Charles Myles, a junior, totaled 180 tough yards on 49 carries for a team that ranked last in the Pac-10 in rushing touchdowns (seven), yards per game (103.6) and average per carry (2.7).

Senior Richard Dice is a rugged, sure-handed receiver who missed five games because of a knee injury, then returned to catch four passes for 68 yards and a touchdown against Arizona State. He had ACL surgery in the off-season. Dice finished 1995 with 25 receptions for 443 yards and six touchdowns. Junior wideout Rodney Williams, who registered two 100-yard games last fall, makes it difficult for foes to double-cover Dice.

Imposing sophomore tight end Mike Lucky (6-6, 251), a devastating blocker, averaged an impressive 19.8 yards on five catches.

The veteran offensive front wall features an all-senior starting cast. Still, this is the same offensive



Richard Dice

line that allowed 34 quarterback sacks in '95.

Ian McCutcheon, who suffered knee problems last fall, and Willie Walker are the tackles. The guards are Frank Middleton and Tevete Usu, both of whom will be challenged by redshirt freshman Yusuf Scott, a 365-pounder who has been moved from the defense. The center is Wayne Wyatt.

Arizona's Desert Swarm defense, led by All-American Tedy Bruschi and All-Pac-10 Chuck Osborne, is no more. This fall, Salave'a will anchor a line that has produced Lombardi Award finalists in each of the last three seasons. Salave'a notched 37 tackles, including 9½ for losses, last season. The other tackle is sophomore Daniel Greer (17 stops). Senior Van Tuinei returns at one

end after posting a 6½-sack '95 campaign. Senior Chato Jackson, who patiently waited for Bruschi to move on, will start at the other end position.

Junior Chester Burnett rebounded from 1994 injuries to become the Wildcats' second-leading tackler last fall (58 stops) from his inside line-backer spot, despite sharing playing time with junior Mike Szlauko. Burnett and Szlauko will start at the inside positions, with junior Jimmy Sprotte (Scooter's brother and a six-game starter in '95) starting on the outside.

Another possibility for the outside spot is senior Armon Williams, an exceptional special teams player who missed the last six games with mononucleosis but had performed so impressively to that point that he was selected an All-Pac-10 special teams performer. Freshman Dolphin Tillman and sophomore DaShon Polk provide depth.

Junior cornerback Kelly Malveaux is a two-year

**With 17 starters back, Tomey has reason to believe the Wildcats can again challenge for a Pacific-10 title.**

starter who sparked a pass defense that was ranked tops in the Pac-10 in efficiency, conceding just 12.5 completions and 143.4 passing yards per game. Senior Rashee Johnson is the other corner.

The safeties are sophomores Mikal Smith, who started three games as a freshman last season before breaking his left leg, and Raffell Jones, who replaces two-time All-Pac-10 selection Brandon Sanders. Junior Chuck Rich and redshirt freshman Kelvin Hunter offer depth.

Sophomore Mark McDonald handled kickoff duties last season and steps into the big shoes of the departed Jon Prasuhn. Senior Matt Peyton brings a new dimension to punting, confounding opponents with his ability to run left or right and execute the punt, rugby-style, with either foot, away from return men. That helped him post a net average of 38.6 yards on 78 punts, 26 of which were downed inside the opposition's 20-yard line.

Arizona coaches would prefer that someone other than Dice handle punt returns because of the knee problems he experienced. But Dice offers excellent hands and a 13.3-yard return average. Scooter Sprotte will be the primary kick-off-return specialist.

The Desert Swarm is gone, but that name or a suitable substitute could be resurrected once the defense hits its stride — and that probably will be quickly.

The Wildcats need help on offense, and hiring Smith as the coordinator should be a key step toward developing a solid unit. Smith will have to get more out of the running game if Arizona is to be successful, but perhaps not that much more, because the defense has the potential to put the Wildcats in a position to defeat virtually any opponent.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (10)

WR	17	Richard Dice (Sr., 3); 5 Ron Holmes (So., 1)
LT	67	Ian McCutcheon (Sr., 1); 75 Jose Portilla (Jr., 0)
LG	73	Frank Middleton (Sr., 1); David Watson (Sr., 1)
C	61	Wayne Wyatt (Sr., 1); 78 Mike Mannelli (Jr., 0)
RG	55	Tevete Usu (Sr., 1); 60 Rusty James (Jr., 0)
RT	62	Willie Walker (Sr., 2); 76 Ryan Turley (Jr., 0)
TE	88	Mike Lucky (So., 1); 99 Mike Metzler (Sr., 2)
QB	10	Brady Batten (Jr., 2); 14 Ryan Hesson (Sr., 3)
WR	3	Rodney Williams (Jr., 1); 89 Sy Gerry Cook (Jr., 0)
TB	4	Gary Taylor (Sr., 3); 6 Scooter Sprotte (So., 1)
FB	9	Charles Myles (Jr., 2); 36 Sadiki Johnson (Jr., 0)
PK	39	Mark McDonald (So., 1)

### DEFENSE (7)

DE	90	Van Tuinei (Sr., 1); 79 Bryan Mulvena (So., 0)
DT	48	Daniel Greer (So., 1); 49 Cai McCray (Sr., 1)
DT	56	Joe Salave'a (Sr., 2); 93 Steve Tafua (Jr., 0)
DE	47	Chato Jackson (Sr., 3); 94 James Lewis (Fr., 0)
OLB	42	Jimmy Sprotte (Jr., 2); 37 Armon Williams (Sr., 2)
ILB	35	Chester Burnett (Jr., 2); 54 Marcus Bell (Fr., 0)
ILB	44	Mike Szlauko (Jr., 2); 31 DaShon Polk (So., 1)
BCB	21	Kelly Malveaux (Jr., 2); Kelvin Hunter (Fr., 0)
SS	28	Mikal Smith (So., 1); 29 Chuck Rich (Jr., 2)
FS	43	Raffell Jones (So., 1); 23 David Fipp (Jr., 1)
FCB	2	Rashee Johnson (Sr., 1); 26 Skeeter Harrington (Jr., 2)
P	41	Matt Peyton (Sr., 3)

(P) indicates player in parentheses; (S) starts  
 (B) indicates backup; (H) indicates holdout  
 (N) indicates number of games played; (L) indicates letterman



**Head Coach:** Lou Tepper  
**1995 Record (Big Ten):** 5-5-1 (3-4-1)  
**1996 Pick:** 8th Big Ten

Several measures show the futility of Illinois football last season. The 5-5-1 overall record was disheartening, and the 3-4-1 Big Ten mark was the worst since 1987.

Nationally, the offense was rated 102nd, and the running game was ranked last in the conference and 91st in the nation despite a 1,051-yard showing by tailback Robert Holcombe. The Illini scored fewer than 10 points in four games.

But as telling as these figures are, there is another that is perhaps the best indicator of just how woefully the Illini offense performed last season: Illinois' punter kicked for more yards than the team's offense totaled all season.

The responsibility again falls to offensive coordinator Paul Schudel, but the accountability will be placed on coach Lou Tepper, who has two years remaining on a five-year contract.

Schudel and Tepper expect improvement simply because the team has more experience with Schudel's system, and last year's makeshift offensive line has had time to heal.

"The media and fans were really down and disappointed last year," says Tepper. "This year, we have a much different concept of where our offense is going to be. It's a matter of our players maturing."

"We couldn't utilize all that offense because of the conditions we had a year ago. Hopefully, we'll be able to execute this year a lot better and stay healthy."

It isn't just the offense that may bedevil Tepper this fall, however. Illinois, which in recent years has touted itself as the "New Linebacker U.," must find replacements for the outside linebacking tandem of Simeon Rice and Kevin Hardy. The Illini must also toughen up in the trenches.

That will be no easy task, but Tepper believes the requisite talent is lurking somewhere in past recruiting classes. Experience, however, is not.

Experience isn't lacking at quarterback, but senior Scott Weaver needs consistency. This will be the first year he won't be looking over his shoulder at the bench. Weaver was 2-2 as a starter in '95 but needs to minimize mistakes. He surrendered one interception for every 10 pass attempts and has thrown nearly twice as many career interceptions (15) as touchdowns (eight).

"My play took a step backward," Weaver concedes. "The whole offense took a step backward, but we're on the same page and improving."

With the return of Holcombe, a junior, and the switch back to tailback of senior Ty Douthard, the Illini have one of the top rushing duos in the Big Ten. Douthard, who played fullback last fall, was the second-leading receiver on the team.

Illinois is still looking for a dependable fullback. Time is running out for senior Rodney Byrd, who has only eight career carries, and he will be challenged by redshirt freshman Elmer Hickman.

Senior flanker Jason Dulick, the Illini's leading receiver in '95, will likely share time with sophomore Rob Majoy.



Robert Holcombe

DAVID PRESTON

In spring drills, split end Marquis Mosely re-fractured the collarbone he broke last fall, but he hopes to be ready for a major role. Sophomore George McDonald, a converted running back and high school option quarterback who starred for the Illini track team, could see playing time.

Matt Cushing, who averaged 12.9 yards per catch, returns for his junior year at tight end. His backup will be sophomore Conrad Adams.

The front wall must show improvement and consistency if Illinois' running game is to make any strides. Injuries and inexperience forced Tepper to use six different starting line combinations, and he has assigned two coaches, including Schudel, to develop the unit.

Senior Chris Koerwitz, the most experienced

member of the group, is being moved from center to left guard, while senior Jay Kuchenbecker, who gained valuable experience as a seven-game starter at guard, should help solidify the left side at tackle. Chris Brown, who started all 11 games at right tackle, will anchor the line at center.

A pair of 300-plus-pounders will battle for the right guard spot: Antoine McNutt, a 345-pound redshirt freshman, and 319-pound junior Brent Taylor, a three-game starter. Sophomore Ryan Schau, who started five games last season before being injured, will play right tackle.

Tepper's defensive goal is to toughen his men in the trenches, and he'll be counting on senior nose tackle Paul Marshall, the team's third-leading returning tackler. Sophomore Garrett Johnson finished the season with five tackles for losses, two sacks and one fumble recovery. He'll hold down one tackle spot; untested freshman Rameel Connor will man the other.

The main question at linebacker involves who will replace Rice and Butkus Award winner Hardy. Junior Cyron Brown saw some playing time behind Rice at rush linebacker and will vie for the position with sophomore Ryan Murphy. Hardy's replacement is more of a concern as two redshirt freshmen, Manuel Strong and Danny Clark, are the prime candidates.

Inside linebacker should be a strength for the Illini. Senior Dennis Stallings was overshadowed by the media attention given Rice and Hardy, but he actually led the team in solo tackles with 90. He also grabbed three interceptions and forced two fumbles, and could be a candidate for the Illini's third-straight Butkus Award. Junior David James, who also had an active fall (78 tackles), will team on the inside with Stallings.

Illinois was first in the Big Ten in pass defense last season. However, the Illini will not only have to retool their pass rush but also their safeties due to the departures of Tyrone Washington and Antwoine Patton. Senior Toriano Woods, a converted receiver, may be the primary question mark at free safety. Mike Gusich played in eight games at strong safety as a true freshman and should improve.

Junior Trevor Starghill returns at one corner. Junior James Williams will get the nod at the other corner, though redshirt freshman Tony Francis could challenge.

With the departure of Brett Larsen, Illinois loses a consistent 40-yard punter. The top candidate to replace him is Jason Higgins, a redshirt freshman.

Junior Bret Scheuplein returns as the place-kicker. Mosely could handle punt returns with Majoy. McDonald and fellow sophomore Steve Havard will handle kickoffs.

Illinois again starts with a tough schedule, visiting Michigan and Arizona and hosting Southern California in the first three games. The Illini could challenge for a fourth- or fifth-place finish in the Big Ten and return to a bowl game after last year's disappointment. The question is this: How good must they be for Tepper's contract to be renewed?

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (9)

TE	86	Matt Cushing (Jr., 2); 80 Conrad Adams (So., 1)
LT	72	Jay Kuchenbecker (Sr., 1); 78 Chico Brown (So., 1)
LG	69	Chris Koerwitz (Sr., 2); 64 Mike Flaar (Fr., 0)
C	65	Chris Brown (Jr., 1); 62 Tom Schau (So., 1)
RG	70	Brent Taylor (Jr., 1); 71 Antoine McNutt (Fr., 0)
RT	60	Ryan Schau (So., 1); 67 J.P. Machado (Fr., 0)
SE	5	Marquis Mosely (Jr., 2); 6 George McDonald (So., 1)
QB	11	Scott Weaver (Sr., 3); 12 Mark Hoekstra (So., 0)
TB	35	Robert Holcombe (Jr., 2); 7 Ty Douthard (Sr., 3)
FB	44	Rodney Byrd (Sr., 3); 32 Elmer Hickman (Fr., 0)
FL	83	Jason Dulick (Sr., 3); 22 Rob Majoy (So., 1)
PK	10	Bret Scheuplein (Jr., 2)

### DEFENSE (6)

LB	56	Ryan Murphy (So., 1); 99 Cyron Brown (Jr., 1)
T	66	Garrett Johnson (So., 1); 96 Ola Allibabun (So., 0)
NT	93	Paul Marshall (Sr., 3); 85 Mike McGee (Fr., 0)
T	95	Rameel Connor (Fr., 0); 91 Maurice Lawrence (Sr., 0)
LB	46	Dennis Stallings (Sr., 2); 49 Oku Satcher (Fr., 0)
LB	42	David James (Jr., 2); 41 Eric Guenther (So., 1)
LB	45	Manuel Strong (Fr., 0); 48 Danny Clark (Fr., 0)
CB	20	Trevor Starghill (Jr., 2); 17 Terrence Marable (So., 1)
SS	39	Mike Gusich (So., 1); 24 Asim Pleas (Fr., 0)
FS	3	Toriano Woods (Sr., 3); 19 Steve Willis (So., 1)
CB	26	James Williams (Jr., 1); 33 Tony Francis (Fr., 0)
P	4	Jason Higgins (Fr., 0)

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**Head Coach:**  
**1995 Record (ACC):**  
**1996 Pick:**

**Mack Brown**  
**7-5-0 (4-4-0)**  
**6th ACC**

**C**hange is the operative word for the North Carolina Tar Heels and coach Mack Brown.

A 20-10 Carquest Bowl win over Arkansas provided some consolation, but no one in Chapel Hill, including Brown, was satisfied with the 6-5 regular-season record. The parts were present, but they never quite meshed.

Result: major changes.

Brown hired former Tulane head coach and Georgia assistant Greg Davis as offensive coordinator, former LSU assistant Ron Case as secondary coach and ex-Virginia aide and North Carolina alumnus Ken Mack as running backs coach.

And with the new faces comes a new philosophy, and a new offense based on what the NFL's San Francisco 49ers and Dallas Cowboys do.

"We'll be working away from the option, using more split backs, one-back and four-wideout sets," says Brown. "It'll be more along pro lines, and that should help in recruiting the top receivers."

Spring practice concluded with two major candidates at quarterback: junior college transfer Chris Keldorf and sophomore Oscar Davenport, last year's top backup who has returned after recovering from a knee injury. Davenport's freshman numbers were modest: 12-of-22 passing for 151 yards and one touchdown.

Senior tailback Leon Johnson is one of the country's premier runners and a possible Heisman candidate. In the 20-10 Carquest Bowl comeback win over Arkansas, Johnson rushed for 195 yards (a school bowl record) and scored the clinching touchdown on a 28-yard run. As a three-year starter, Johnson has rushed for 2,780 yards, caught passes for 907 and scored 37 touchdowns. His 234 total points ties legendary Charlie Justice for second place among all-time Tar Heel scorers. Johnson should be an excellent fit when Brown uses the one-back offense.

Junior Mike Geter and senior Maurice McGregor provide experienced support at tailback.

Senior fullback Chris Watson (36 carries, 131 yards) goes about his business of lead-blocking with little fanfare. Much of the tailback yardage is the result of his efforts.

Brown expects junior wideout Octavus Barnes (85 career catches for 1,579 yards and eight TDs) to be fully recovered from knee surgery and ready for the season opener. After Barnes, the top receivers are sophomore L.C. Stevens and senior Darrin Ashford. Both got top mileage out of few receptions in '95. If senior All-ACC selection Freddie Jones stays healthy, there will be no worries at tight end. He's a sound pass-catcher (two of his 16 receptions were for touchdowns) and continues to improve his run blocking.

Four offensive line starters return, and that is encouraging news for a team that amassed nearly 400 yards per game last year. The anchor is junior center Jeff Saturday, an All-ACC candidate. At



Leon Johnson

guard are seniors Brian Honeycutt and Jerne Gethers, and junior Mike Hobgood. In the mix at tackle are senior Bryon Thomas and juniors Mike Baxter and Ryan Hoffman.

Gone is consensus All-American and 1995 ACC Defensive Player of the Year Marcus Jones, the Heels' best defender since Lawrence Taylor. Still, North Carolina returns some talented defensive linemen. End Greg Ellis became the first Tar Heel sophomore to be named first-team All-ACC since Reuben Davis in 1985. He had seven sacks among his 71 total hits. On the other side, sophomore Mike Pringley (41 stops) had a fine spring and could outduel last year's starter, sophomore Russell Davis (46 tackles), for the job.

Senior tackle Rick Terry, who led the team with

eight sacks, has the most experience in the defensive trenches and is expected to help fill the void left by Jones' departure. Terry registered 44 tackles. Junior Vonnie Holliday (39 stops, eight pressures) will man the other tackle position.

In senior James Hamilton and juniors Kivusama Mays and Brian Simmons, North Carolina has three of the country's top linebackers. Hamilton, with 18 game starts during the past two seasons, is the "old man" of the threesome. The Heels coaches voted Simmons the team's top linebacker. He ranked second on the squad in tackles with 113 and tallied five sacks.

With Hamilton and Simmons outside, Mays, a first-team All-ACC selection, will patrol the middle. A punishing hitter with a nose for the football, Mays led the team in tackles with 138, caused two fumbles and had six hits for losses.

The Tar Heels are awaiting the medical verdict

**"We'll be working away from the option, using more split backs, one-back and four-wideout sets."**

— Mack Brown

on junior corner starter Terry Billups, who missed spring practice due to shoulder surgery and may not be back in time for the opener against Clemson. If Billups isn't available, junior Reggie Love and sophomore Robert Williams will line up at the corners.

There is no problem at free safety, where junior Omar Brown has established himself as one of the ACC's finest. A fearless, hard-hitting competitor, Brown made two key pass deflections in North Carolina's 22-17 win over Virginia. Senior Ronald Thomas finished the spring No. 1 at strong safety.

The kicking game faces a major overhaul with the loss of Scott Caparelli, who handled all the placements and most of the punting chores. The placekicking duties now fall on the accurate right foot of senior Chris Welch. Redshirt freshman Derrick DePriest is the punter.

If opponents thought Johnson would limit his talents to running and pass catching, they can think again. He now will be further utilized as a kick returner. Replacing the slippery Marcus Wall on punt returns will be redshirt freshman Dré Bly.

Looking ahead to the fall campaign, Brown says: "We have no returning starters at quarterback, no receivers except Barnes, and we've lost three in the secondary if Billups is not ready to open the season. Also, our kickers are gone and so is Marcus Jones, a consensus All-American. That has to hurt your defense."

Brown doesn't typically talk that pessimistically. So some credence must be given to his comments. However, the coach may be overstating when he says the Tar Heels should be "considered for the lower division" of the ACC.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (8)

WR	17	Darrin Ashford (Sr., 2); 4 Octavus Barnes (Jr., 2)
LT	75	Byron Thomas (Sr., 3); 77 John Surigao (So., 0)
LG	74	Jerne Gethers (Sr., 2); 56 Joe Ellison (Fr., 0)
C	64	Jeff Saturday (Jr., 2); 57 Ryan Carley (Fr., 0)
RG	62	Brian Honeycutt (Sr., 2); 61 Mike Hobgood (Jr., 2)
RT	51	Mike Baxter (Jr., 2); 79 Ryan Hoffman (Jr., 1)
TE	92	Freddie Jones (Sr., 3); 86 Ebenezer Ekuban (So., 1)
QB	15	Chris Keldorf (Jr., 0); 10 Oscar Davenport (So., 0)
FB	6	Chris Watson (Sr., 3); 27 Jonathan Linton (Jr., 2)
WR	12	Leon Johnson (Sr., 3); 20 Mike Geter (Jr., 2)
WR	5	L.C. Stevens (So., 1); 1 Chuckie Parquet (So., 1)
PK	19	Chris Welch (Sr., 0)

### DEFENSE (8)

DE	87	Greg Ellis (Jr., 2); 98 Teto Simpson (So., 0)
DT	90	Vonnice Holliday (Jr., 2); 70 Andre Purvis (Sr., 2)
DT	94	Rick Terry (Sr., 2); 78 Marcus Dow (So., 0)
DE	96	Russell Davis (So., 1); 91 Mike Pringley (So., 1)
LB	54	James Hamilton (Sr., 3); 9 Keith Newman (So., 1)
LB	53	Kivusama Mays (Jr., 2); 49 Jamie Carrick (So., 1)
LB	41	Brian Simmons (Jr., 2); 7 Mark Dunn (So., 0)
CB	24	Reggie Love (Jr., 2); 31 Dré Bly (Fr., 0)
FS	2	Omar Brown (Jr., 2); 42 Ronald Thomas (Sr., 3)
SS	42	Ronald Thomas (Sr., 3); 21 Jomo Legins (So., 1)
CB	29	Robert Williams (So., 1); 25 Terry Billups (Jr., 2)
P	33	Derrick DePriest (Fr., 0)

(R) Redshirt; (Sr.) Senior; (Jr.) Junior; (So.) Sophomore; (Fr.) Freshman

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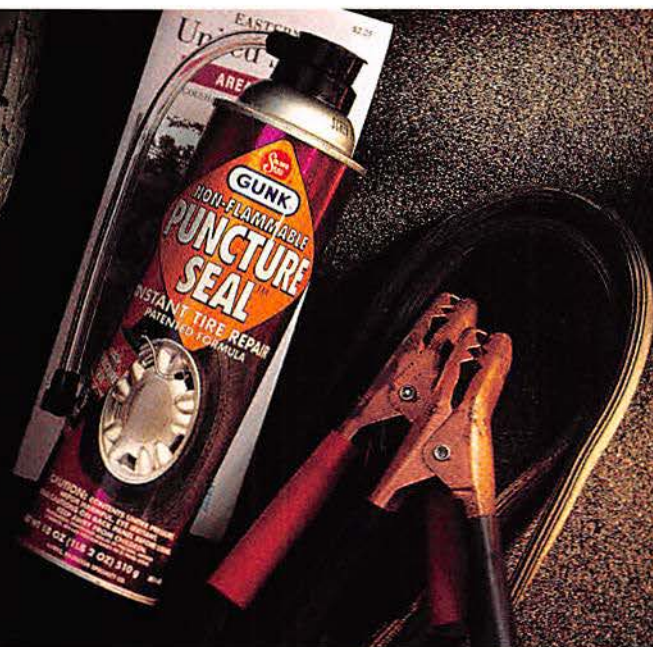
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**Head Coach:****1995 Record (SWC):****1996 Pick:****Chuck Reedy****7-4-0 (5-2-0)****4th Big 12 South**

**B**ut for some serious breakdowns in execution, Baylor might have at least shared the Southwest Conference championship in the league's final season. A pair of non-conference losses featured similar malfunctions.

As a result, "We need to be more consistent in offensive execution," coach Chuck Reedy says of his fourth Baylor team. And the Bears will have to rebuild a defense that ranked fifth nationally last season.

The team's commitment is unquestioned. The players went through demanding, early-morning, off-season workouts in preparation for spring practice. And football enthusiasm is high in Waco as the first Big 12 Conference season approaches. Baylor set an all-time home attendance record last season.

Junior Jeff Watson, the returning starter at quarterback, was inconsistent last season, which is why Jermaine Alfred started two games as a freshman. Watson completed 113-of-214 passes for 1,508 yards and five touchdowns, with six interceptions.

Alfred produced a 56-yard touchdown pass on the first play from scrimmage in his first start, against SMU, and is considered to be the best passer among Baylor's quarterbacks.

Incoming freshman Odell James was regarded as one of the nation's best high school option quarterbacks. He amassed nearly 6,000 yards of total offense and accounted for 78 touchdowns, including 54 rushing, during a three-year career at Aldine (Texas) MacArthur High.

Junior tailback Jerod Douglas rushed for 1,114 yards last year, the second-best single-season total in school history. Douglas shattered the school record for all-purpose yardage with 1,594 and earned all-conference honors both as a running back and kick returner. Junior Anthony Overstreet and sophomore Dexter Ford are experienced backups.

Senior Shawn Washington is the returning starter at fullback with Clifton Rubin, a highly regarded junior who was hampered by injuries last season, in reserve.

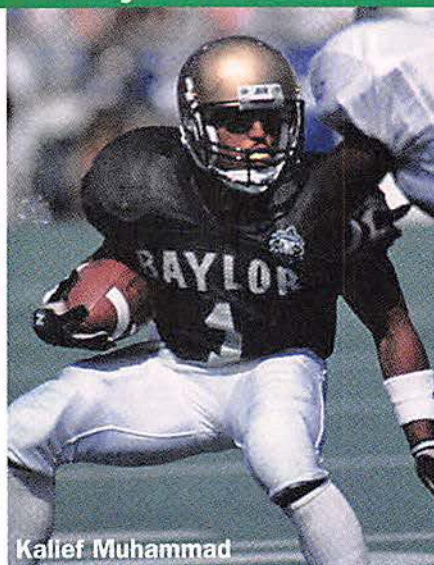
Senior Kalief Muhammad moved from tailback to wide receiver last season and led the Bears in pass receptions with 37 for 542 yards and two touchdowns. He also rushed 30 times for 203 yards and a touchdown.

"We're always looking for ways to get the ball to Kalief," says Reedy.

Junior split end Pearce Pegross had 31 catches for a team-high 582 yards and three scores.

The top tight ends are junior Bradley Domel, who started all 11 games, and sophomore Clifford Isom. Domel and Isom caught one pass apiece last season, but the Bears plan to begin throwing more to their tight ends.

Douglas' chances of duplicating his 1995 rushing success will be enhanced by an offensive line built around senior David Davis, a three-year starter at tackle, junior tackle Michael Johnson



and sophomore guard Anthony Williams, who was moved from the defensive line as a freshman and started seven games.

Sophomore guard Kelvin Garmon made his move to claim starting status in the spring. Junior Danny Fletcher and redshirt freshman Brian Sutton are listed 1-2 at center.

The Bears should be solid in the offensive interior. "From an athletic standpoint, this will probably be the best group we've had," says Reedy, who has high standards. "We're not like Nebraska, where you have to be in your third, fourth or fifth year to start on the offensive line. But we're getting better."

Baylor ranked fifth in total defense and ninth in scoring defense last season. The Bears were

strong enough defensively, in fact, that they won the Texas Tech game without scoring a touchdown (9-7), the first time a Baylor team had done that since 1977. But several key players must be replaced.

Junior Roderick Kinney picks up where he left off at nose tackle, while sophomore Derrick Fletcher has backup experience. Senior Donnie Embra and junior Sheldon Mallory were reserve ends last season. Embra had 41 tackles and three sacks and Mallory had 31 tackles playing behind All-SWC performer Daryl Gardener. Redshirt freshman Dwight Johnson and senior Josh Wenke are among the players looking to earn playing time at end.

Junior Dean Jackson returns as middle linebacker. He was second on the team in tackles with 82 and also intercepted three passes. Junior Glenn Coy takes over at bandit linebacker with senior Malcolm Hamilton, a former fullback and tight end, in reserve.

Senior Robert Mason and junior Anthony Taylor (a converted safety) are on top of the depth chart at weak-side linebacker, and sophomores Clarence Cruse and Kenya Parker are the top candidates on the strong side.

Two senior starters return in the secondary: cornerback George McCullough and strong safety Michael Benjamin. McCullough broke up 14 passes and intercepted one last season. Benjamin started all 11 games at free safety but was moved to strong safety in the spring, allowing sophomore Nikia Codie to move up at free safety. Codie, who started two games at strong safety as a true freshman two years ago, was ineligible last season.

Sophomore Curtis Henderson was moved from free safety, where he backed up Benjamin, to cornerback during the spring "to get our best four players on the field," Reedy says.

Senior Ty Atteberry has been the No. 1 punter for two years. He averaged 38.1 yards last season and also has handled kickoffs. His brother Kyle Atteberry, a redshirt freshman, competed with sophomore Bryan Hawkins for the No. 1 place-kicking job during the spring.

The Bears have experienced kick returners in Douglas, Pegross and Muhammad. Douglas was the No. 1 kickoff returner last season, averaging 33.3 yards on 12 returns.

Baylor is probably a year away from being a serious contender in the Southern Division of the Big 12. James, the quarterback of the future, would have an added year of maturity, even if he were to sit out as a redshirt. He has the skills to run a Nebraska-type option offense, which Reedy would like his team to be able to do.

The Bears likely will start only a half-dozen or so seniors this season, with the talented Douglas among the underclassmen. Baylor will need to get more consistent play at quarterback in order to be successful on offense. And Reedy will have to rebuild a defense with players who are, for the most part, inexperienced.

**depth chart****OFFENSE (9)**

TE	80	Bradley Domel (Jr., 2); 85 Clifford Isom (So., 1)
LT	79	David Davis (Sr., 3); 67 Brandon Pierpoint (Fr., 0)
LG	57	Anthony Williams (So., 1); 55 Chris Sampsy (So., 0)
C	53	Danny Fletcher (Jr., 2); 74 Brian Sutton (Fr., 0)
RG	59	Kelvin Garmon (So., 1); 68 Jerome Jackson (Jr., 2)
RT	69	Michael Johnson (Jr., 2); 76 Carlos Rocha (Fr., 0)
QB	7	Jeff Watson (Jr., 2); 17 Jermaine Alfred (So., 1)
FB	48	Shawn Washington (Sr., 3); 31 Clifton Rubin (Jr., 2)
TB	22	Jerod Douglas (Jr., 2); 27 Anthony Overstreet (Jr., 2)
SE	11	Pearce Pegross (Jr., 2); 5 Derrius Thompson (So., 1)
WR	1	Kalief Muhammad (Sr., 3); 26 Chris Cagnoliatti (Jr., 0)
PK	33	Kyle Atteberry (Fr., 0)

**DEFENSE (4)**

LE	96	Sheldon Mallory (Jr., 2); 82 Dwight Johnson (Fr., 0)
RE	61	Roderick Kinney (Jr., 2); 99 Derrick Fletcher (So., 1)
NT	95	Donnie Embra (Sr., 1); 87 Josh Wenke (Sr., 0)
SLB	20	Clarence Cruse (So., 1); 37 Kenya Parker (So., 1)
MLB	36	Dean Jackson (Jr., 2); 40 Jody Littleton (Jr., 1)
BLB	58	Glenn Coy (Jr., 2); 34 Malcolm Hamilton (Sr., 2)
WLB	3	Robert Mason (Sr., 2); 16 Anthony Taylor (Jr., 2)
LCB	5	George McCullough (Sr., 3); 28 Ahmad Washington (Sr., 0)
FS	7	Nikia Codie (So., 1); 25 Brandon Bonds (Fr., 0)
SS	33	Michael Benjamin (Sr., 3); 42 Curtis Henderson (So., 1)
RCB	46	Curtis Henderson (So., 1); 21 Sean Armistead (Fr., 0)
P	43	Ty Atteberry (Sr., 3)

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**Head Coach:** Mike Bellotti  
**1995 Record (Pac-Ten):** 9-3-0 (6-2-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 6th Pac-10

There is enough uncertainty at Oregon to make predictions of another New Year's Day bowl game optimistic, but not out of the question. The Ducks have developed into one of the Pacific-10 Conference's most respected programs, and while there are holes at key positions, coach Mike Bellotti doesn't expect a huge drop-off from last year's 9-3 season, the school's best since 1948.

"We have more question marks than we've had in three years," Bellotti says. "We have to find help in the secondary, at inside linebacker and running back." How well Bellotti plugs the holes at those key positions will determine the Ducks' success in the bowl hunt.

The Ducks captivated fans with a late-season push, punctuated by close wins over Washington, Arizona and Oregon State, and earned a trip to the Cotton Bowl against Colorado.

Oregon led the Pac-10 in passing (263.8 yards per game) and scoring (29.1 points), and was second in total offense (406.3 yards) behind quarterback Tony Graziani, running back Ricky Whittle and big-play receiver Cristin McLemore.

On defense, with former Dallas Cowboys stand-out Charlie Waters as coordinator, Oregon attacked the opposition with reckless abandon. Leading the charge were linebackers Jeremy Asher and Rich Ruhl, and cornerbacks Kenny Wheaton and All-American Alex Molden.

According to Colorado coach Rick Neuheisel, "It was the most sophisticated pass coverage we faced all year."

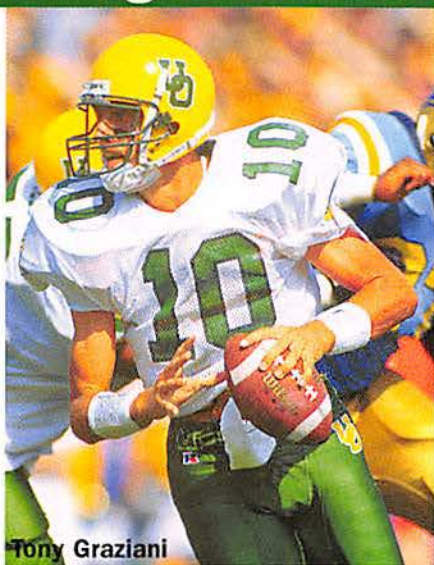
The challenge now is to keep the Ducks in the hunt for another bowl game. With Whittle, McLemore, Asher, Ruhl and Molden gone, Oregon has some serious gaps to fill. The coaches are striving to identify big-play performers, and the kicking game remains unsettled because of a quadriceps injury sophomore Matt Belden suffered during the opener against Utah that sidelined him for the rest of the year.

Eight starters return on offense, led by Graziani and tight end Josh Wilcox, both seniors. Five starters are back on defense, but there is little depth up front. Junior cornerback Kenny Wheaton is the only returning force in the secondary.

Bellotti also had to find replacements for both coordinators. Innovative offensive coordinator Alan Borges unexpectedly left to take the same job at UCLA, and Waters, distressed by the tragic death of his oldest son before the Cotton Bowl, resigned in February.

Seeking another creative thinker, Oregon landed Dirk Koetter of Boston College as its third offensive coordinator in as many years. CFL veteran Rich Stubler of the Edmonton Eskimos was signed to succeed Waters. Although he is enthusiastic and a great communicator, Stubler may be unable to employ 1995's attack-style defense because of graduation losses.

In his first year as a starter, Graziani, a scrambling left-hander, led the Pac-10 in total offense



Tony Graziani

(272.9 yards per game) and passed for 13 touchdowns, but he also threw 10 interceptions.

"Regardless of how he throws the ball or how he runs the ball, he finds ways to beat you," Bellotti says.

Oregon has a potential star at fullback in 6-2, 253-pound junior A.J. Jelks, a power runner who steamrolls cornerbacks and safeties. But finding a replacement for Whittle at tailback is critical. Sophomore Kevin Parker and redshirt freshman Jerry Brown will share time there.

Senior Dameron Ricketts will start at split end and junior Pat Johnson at flanker. Wilcox and sure-handed Blake Spence will share duties at tight end. Wilcox and Spence are arguably the league's best 1-2 tight end combination, and

Koetter will make them a key part of the offense.

The offensive line is big, experienced and capable of blasting holes through most opposing lines. Four of five starters return: left tackle Paul Wiggins, center Mark Gregg and right guard Tasi Malepeai, all seniors, and junior right tackle David Weber. Senior Bob Baldwin, a three-game starter in '95, will get the nod at left guard.

In terms of games started, this is one of the most savvy groups in Oregon history, and unquestionably the strength of the team.

Returning starters on the defensive line are nose tackle Bryant Jackson and right end Mark Schmidt, both seniors. The coaches have junior Desmond Byrd penciled in at left end. Schmidt and Jackson could provide a competent inside pass rush, although the Ducks get most of their pressure from the linebackers.

Oregon's crisis at inside linebacker may pass

### How well Bellotti plugs holes at key positions will determine the Ducks' success in the bowl hunt.

quickly if redshirt freshman Peter Sirmon is as good as advertised. The 6-2, 233-pounder was Washington's 1994 Defensive Player of the Year as a free safety at Walla Walla High. Sirmon recorded 114 tackles his senior year and was MVP in the state title game. The Ducks figure a bulked-up Sirmon will be a superior inside linebacker.

Asking a freshman to fill such a key position on defense may prove to be too much early in the year. Sophomore Ryan Klaasen and junior Jeff Branson will line up at the linebacker spots vacated by Ruhl and Asher until Sirmon is proven.

Senior right linebacker Derrick Barnes is an exceptional athlete, as is backup Derek Allen. Sack specialist Reggie Jordan is a senior who loves making dramatic plays from his left linebacker spot.

With Molden, Brian Collins and Isaac Walker gone, Oregon probably will start sophomore David Coyle at strong safety, senior Ronnie Gipson at left corner and sophomore Eric Edwards at free safety. The unquestioned thoroughbred of the group is right cornerback Wheaton, a second-team *Football News* All-American.

Walk-on Joshua Smith, summoned from home when Belden went down, had a storybook season. He hit 14-of-21 field-goal attempts, including four against Oregon State. Sophomore Josh Bidwell had some shaky moments but survived the entire season as the Ducks' punter.

Belden can handle both placements and punts with all-star ability when healthy. But in the spring he still hadn't received medical clearance to play.

The Ducks will get a break from the schedule, which lists Fresno State, Nevada and Colorado State in the three weeks before Pac-10 play begins. Bellotti also is thankful he doesn't have to face USC, the conference preseason favorite.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (8)

SE	3	Dameron Ricketts (Sr., 3); 15 Jibri Hodge (Sr., 1)
LT	72	Paul Wiggins (Sr., 3); 70 Andy Petty (Sr., 0)
LG	52	Bob Baldwin (Sr., 3); 53 Josh Beckett (Fr., 0)
C	69	Mark Gregg (Sr., 3); 79 Paul Driver (Fr., 0)
RG	73	Tasi Malepeai (Sr., 2); 88 Seaton Daly (Sr., 2)
RT	75	David Weber (Sr., 2); 76 Willy Rife (Sr., 3)
TE	90	Josh Wilcox (Sr., 3); 82 Blake Spence (Sr., 2)
QB	10	Tony Graziani (Sr., 2); 17 Ryan Perry-Smith (Sr., 3)
TB	24	Kevin Parker (Sr., 2); 34 Jerry Brown (Fr., 0)
FB	45	A.J. Jelks (Sr., 2); 31 Eric Winn (Sr., 2)
FL	83	Pat Johnson (Sr., 2); 7 Damon Griffin (Sr., 1)
PK	88	Joshua Smith (So., 1)

### DEFENSE (5)

LT	99	Desmond Byrd (Sr., 2); 35 Marty Murphy (So., 1)
NT	91	Bryant Jackson (Sr., 3); 65 Deke Moen (Fr., 0)
RE	54	Mark Schmidt (Sr., 3); 86 Lele Sualua (So., 0)
LLB	47	Reggie Jordan (Sr., 3); 80 Matt Lofrano (Sr., 2)
MLB	49	Jeff Branson (Sr., 1); 50 Garth White (Sr., 1)
ILB	46	Ryan Klaasen (So., 1); 39 Chris Vandiver (So., 1)
RLB	58	Derrick Barnes (Sr., 3); 42 Derek Allen (Sr., 2)
SS	27	David Coyle (So., 0); 28 Alex Hautau (Sr., 0)
LCB	23	Ronnie Gipson (Sr., 2); 1 Michael Fletcher (Fr., 0)
RCB	20	Kenny Wheaton (Sr., 2); 8 Kaon Jabbar East (Sr., 1)
FS	4	Eric Edwards (So., 1); 9 Brandon McLemore (Fr., 0)
P	40	Josh Bidwell (So., 1)

(R) Ricketts, Hodge or Perry-Smith starters  
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**Head Coach:** Brad Scott  
**1995 Record (SEC):** 4-6-1 (2-5-1)  
**1996 Pick:** 4th SEC East

**S**outh Carolina fans approached the 1995 season with high hopes.

And why not? New boss Brad Scott had given them a solid 7-5 season, a blowout of archrival Clemson and a bowl victory in his first try as a head coach the previous season. Then the Southeastern Conference rose up and slapped all those dreamers upside the head.

Georgia came from behind to beat the Gamecocks in the season opener. Then Arkansas clobbered them. After a non-conference win, even Kentucky beat them. By the time it was over, South Carolina was a dismal 4-6-1 overall and 2-6 in the SEC.

The problem was obvious. While the Gamecocks, riding the arm of quarterback Steve Taneyhill, could score early and often, SEC opponents averaged 40 points per game against them. Seven times the Gamecocks allowed more than 35 points, winning one of those games. Three times their opponents racked up over 50 points.

The defensive collapse caught everyone by surprise, since South Carolina had lost just four starters.

"They were also the four leaders of the defense," Scott says. "We missed their senior leadership."

Despite last year's fall, Scott didn't panic. He redshirted most of his first recruiting class, a step needed to build necessary depth. And his just-completed second catch has been ranked among the nation's top 20 classes by some recruiting analysts, including *Athlon*.

This year's team will again be inexperienced but deeper, faster and stronger than the previous two. Which means that South Carolina fans approach the season with high hopes. Again.

Sophomore quarterback Anthony Wright was redshirted as a freshman, then backed up Air Taneyhill last season. Taneyhill threw for 3,094 yards and 29 touchdowns, and left with a dozen school records. Now it's Wright's turn to make his mark.

Wright will do it rapidly. He has 4.5 speed, a pleasant change from Taneyhill, who always seemed to be running in mud. Wright is believed to be the fastest South Carolina quarterback ever.

"Anthony realizes that with Steve gone, this is his chance," Scott says. "He's a more intense competitor; he spends more time watching film on his own. His ability to run is obvious, and he can scramble and hit an open receiver on a busted play."

In brief appearances last year, Wright completed 17-of-27 passes for 207 yards, two touchdowns and one interception.

Tailback Duce Staley was a pleasant surprise as a junior, scoring for 736 yards and averaging 5.8 a pop. He is bigger and stronger now, and should give the offense the balance it needs, perhaps with a 1,000-yard season.

In the two-back set, the fullback assignment could go to true freshman Jacob Bush, perhaps Scott's highest-profile recruit to date. Bush



picked South Carolina over Florida State, Miami and Clemson. Despite his 235 pounds, Bush runs the 40 in 4.6. Freshman redshirt Steve Mixon had an excellent spring.

"We're taking a shot with Jacob, a kid we've never practiced a day with, because we think he's that good," Scott says.

Zola Davis has great hands. Throw it near him or even not so near him, and Davis grabs it and holds it, and you can't pry it loose. Davis had 58 catches for 911 yards as a redshirt freshman.

He'll have help at wide receiver. Little senior Corey Bridges (5-6) can fly, and big Marcus Robinson (6-4), also a senior, has experience. Keep an eye on true freshman Jermale Kelly.

Senior Jason Lawson and redshirt freshman

Trevon Matthews are fighting for the starting job at tight end.

Three starters return on the offensive line, led by rapidly developing sophomore tackle Jamar Nesbit, a potential All-SEC pick. Also back are senior tackle Randy Wheeler and junior guards Travis Whitfield and Ed Hrubiec. Paul Beckwith, a junior who has been an occasional starter at center, takes over full time there.

"The offensive line is the most improved segment of our team," says Scott. However, none of the significant backups has any experience.

The line will be the strength of the defense. Three 1995 starters are back, junior tackle Henry Taylor, senior end Maynard Caldwell and junior end Selvesta Miller. Scott resisted the urge last season to use a talented junior-college transfer he was redshirting. Watch Michael Maddox closely, he should be a big help this fall. He will start beside Taylor at tackle.

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**— Brad Scott**

Seniors Quinn Brodie and Patrick Garth are veteran backups up front, with junior J.J. Brown, a converted tight end, also slated for action.

All three starting linebackers are gone, but there is talent available. Junior Darren Hambrick, a transfer from Florida where he lettered twice, is expected to be outstanding. He'll start along with junior Shane Burnham, son of defensive coordinator Wally, and senior Benji Young, who had 70 tackles and four sacks.

Last season, the lack of speed and limited big-play ability (just five interceptions) in the secondary caused problems.

The new unit is led by rapidly developing junior strong safety Ben Washington, an All-SEC candidate after making a team-leading 93 tackles. Sophomore Arturo Freeman will start again at free safety.

Seniors Terry Cousin and Joe Troupe are back at the corners, but whether they'll keep their jobs is questionable. A group of talented youngsters looked good in the secondary in spring practice, including redshirt freshmen Ray Green and Jason Joseph, as did senior Chris Abrams.

Senior kicker Reed Morton has the experience but has never kicked a 50-yard field goal. All-American recruit Courtney Leavitt kicked field goals of 62 and 60 yards as a prep senior. Leavitt will do the punting as well.

"Upward mobility in the SEC is a difficult thing to achieve, you have so many strong programs all after the same thing," Scott says. "It's about recruiting, of course, and I like the way we recruited. We're on the right track; our talent level has taken a step up. We're closing the gap as far as talent is concerned."

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (5)

WR	21	Zola Davis (So., 1); 88 Marcus Robinson (Sr., 3)
TT	68	75 Randy Wheeler (Sr., 3); 68 Reggie Baker (Jr., 0);
TG	63	Ed Hrubiec (Jr., 2); 71 Jesse Washington (Jr., 0)
C	53	Paul Beckwith (Jr., 2); 73 Jason Thomas (Fr., 0)
SG	78	Travis Whitfield (Jr., 2); 69 Nick Ruhman (Fr., 0)
ST	79	Jamar Nesbit (So., 1); 70 Andray Spearman (So., 0)
TE	41	Jason Lawson (Sr., 2); 81 Trevon Matthews (Fr., 0)
WR	4	Corey Bridges (Sr., 3); 24 Kerry Hood (So., 1)
QB	1	Anthony Wright (So., 1); 8 Chad Barnhardt (So., 1)
FB		Jacob Bush (Fr., 0); 32 Steve Mixon (Fr., 0)
TB	22	Duce Staley (Sr., 1); 40 Scott Moritz (Jr., 2)
PK	14	Reed Morton (Sr., 3)

### DEFENSE (6)

DE	89	Maynard Caldwell (Sr., 3); 99 Quinn Brodie (Sr., 3)
DT	90	Henry Taylor (Jr., 2); 65 Patrick Garth (Sr., 1)
DT	93	Michael Maddox (Jr., 0); 91 Casey Allen (Fr., 0)
DE	55	Selvesta Miller (Jr., 1); 42 J.J. Brown (Jr., 0)
LB	18	Darren Hambrick (Jr., 0); 58 Corey Atkins (Fr., 0)
LB	52	Shane Burnham (Jr., 3); 48 Jody Caldwell (So., 1)
LB	49	Benji Young (Sr., 3); 57 Enrol Rochester (Fr., 0)
CB	34	Joe Troupe (Sr., 3); 9 Jason Joseph (Fr., 0)
SS	6	Ben Washington (Jr., 2); 28 Chris Abrams (Sr., 2)
FS	12	Arturo Freeman (So., 1); 3 Ray Green (Fr., 0)
CB	5	Terry Cousin (Sr., 3); 27 Lee Wiggins (Jr., 1)
P		Courtney Leavitt (Fr., 0)

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**Head Coach:** Danny Ford  
**1995 Record (SEC):** 8-5-0 (6-3-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 4th SEC West

**H**e has a generic name, but there is nothing plain about Arkansas senior outside linebacker Mark Smith's game.

His tireless effort is typical of why the Razorbacks finished 8-5 and won the Southeastern Conference's Western Division championship with a 6-2 record.

"When you look at Mark, you say, 'Boy, I wish he was a little bigger,'" Arkansas coach Danny Ford says. "And you might say, 'I wish he was a little faster.' But on game day, he always makes the plays because he studies the game and plays it faster than he really is."

Smith (a team-leading 115 tackles) lost almost 30 pounds prior to last fall which, he says, helped him "get to receivers and backs in the flats quicker."

While Smith thrived under former defensive coordinator Joe Lee Dunn — "Everybody got a shot at the quarterback," says Smith of Dunn's scheme — he'll fit nicely in new defensive coordinator Miles Aldridge's plans also.

The Hogs took substantial strides in Ford's third campaign despite a late-season nosedive that saw them outscored 82-13 in their last three games (LSU, Florida in the SEC title game and North Carolina in the Carquest Bowl).

"We are still in the learning stage of handling success, and we didn't do a very good job of that last season," Ford says. "But it's more fun to come to work now because of the type of kids we have in our program. They know what effort it takes to be a winner on the field and in the classroom. They are meeting their responsibilities. It wasn't that way when I got here."

At quarterback, there are questions. Now that Barry Lunney Jr. has departed after a senior season filled with big plays, sophomore Pete Burks and freshmen Chad Jones and Clint Stoerner will battle for playing time.

Like Lunney, projected starter Burks must learn to escape pass rushes and create his own plays. Arkansas prefers to throw short, high-percentage passes, so look for the Hogs to remain rather conservative until Ford is comfortable with Burks.

Until last year's SEC title game against Florida, the future of Arkansas' running game was bright. But in the opening minutes of the game, Madre Hill tore knee ligaments. Following surgery, he spent the spring in rehabilitation.

With Hill, who set a school rushing record (1,387 yards) while fumbling not once, the Hogs have a big, durable, game-breaking tailback. Without him, Arkansas' ground game is rather ordinary, although senior Oscar Malone, who led the Hogs in rushing in 1993 and 1994 and sat out last season after knee surgery, is back for '96.

Malone showed promise during the spring, so Ford is confident that he'll step in if Hill, a junior, doesn't return. But Hill's progress has been encouraging.

When the Hogs run from the I-formation rather than one-back sets, junior fullback Tyrone Henry is an ideal, low-to-the-ground pile-mover. The Hogs lost mighty mite J.J. Meadors to



graduation but kept two of the league's best young pass catchers in junior Anthony Eubanks and sophomore Anthony Lucas.

Eubanks, a sure-handed possession receiver, registered 43 catches for 596 yards. Lucas was almost discouraged from signing with Arkansas because he was told the Hogs don't throw the ball. Last season, his 27 receptions (for 526 yards) were the most ever by a Razorback freshman, and he scored four touchdowns, as did Eubanks.

Two of the top three tight ends, junior Mark Baker and sophomore Al Heringer, return.

On the line, the Hogs have three starters returning in senior left tackle Carlos Showers, sophomore left guard Russ Brown and senior right tackle Winston Alderson. Sophomore Bran-

don Burlsworth will start at right guard.

The new center probably will be sophomore Grant Garrett, but sophomore Anthony Brightman may challenge.

Defensively, senior nose guard Geno Bell made 89 tackles last season, including four sacks and 10 stops behind the line. Seeking new starters at both ends and at one tackle, Aldridge wants Bell to anchor a rebuilt line. Junior David Sanders returns at right tackle, and opposite him may be Ken Anderson, another junior. Spring practice found sophomores Nathan Cole and C.J. McLain manning the ends.

At linebacker, Smith, an All-SEC pick, was a Butkus Award nominee in 1995 and should be a finalist this time.

While Smith may get most of the attention, his partner is an excellent player as well. Senior Vincent Bradford was second behind Smith in total tackles with 97 and runner-up in solo stops with 63.

"On game day, he always makes the plays because he studies the game."

Although Arkansas lost all four secondary starters, that will not be crippling considering the Hogs allowed an SEC-high 2,659 yards through the air. Development of underclass talent and incoming signees could change the picture.

Junior free safety Philip Hayes recorded 48 tackles and three pass deflections. Junior cornerback Marcus Campbell, sophomore cornerback Zac Painter and sophomore strong safety DeAnthony Hall are the other new starters.

At the season's beginning, then-freshman Todd Latourette was so nervous about being the new placekicker that he declined interviews. Basically, he didn't want to talk about himself or the situation until he accomplished something. And he did, hitting 14-of-21 field-goal tries. Thanks to Latourette, the Razorbacks' scoring average rose from 19.3 points in 1994 to 22.8.

Junior punter Matt Wait (38.6-yard average) gets impressive lift. Opponents managed just 28 returns for a 6.9-yard average.

Reserve sophomore tailback Cory Nichols averaged 21 yards per kickoff return. A punt returner is needed.

Clearly, much depends on the quarterback situation and on the way the defense adapts to Aldridge. The Hogs greatly respected Dunn and loved his off-beat schemes.

Burks might not be the answer at quarterback, but he may win the starting job nonetheless simply by playing within the system and letting the Arkansas ground game carry the offense until he feels comfortable.

Ford says he had his best recruiting haul ever in February, and overall recruiting success is showing in the size and talent level of the players he's attracting. If Arkansas were to take a dip this season and just miss a bowl game, it wouldn't be surprising. Ford admits, "We haven't had enough solid recruiting classes to prevent fluctuation."

But the Razorbacks are almost there.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (7)

SE	80	Anthony Lucas (So., 1); 29 Emanuel Smith (Fr., 0)
LT	78	Carlos Showers (Sr., 2); 69 Bobby Williams (Fr., 0)
LG	60	Russ Brown (So., 1); 71 Eddie Mosley (Sr., 1)
C	54	Grant Garrett (So., 1); 53 Anthony Brightman (So., 0)
RG	77	Brandon Burlsworth (So., 1); 67 Michael Henry (So., 1)
RT	76	Winston Alderson (Sr., 2); 70 Scott Rivers (Sr., 2)
TE	83	Mark Baker (Jr., 2); 89 Al Heringer (So., 1)
FL	2	Anthony Eubanks (Jr., 2); 19 Shannon Sidney (Jr., 2)
QB	8	Pete Burks (So., 1); Chad Jones (Fr., 0)
TB	34	Madre Hill (Jr., 2); 30 Oscar Malone (Sr., 3)
FB	36	Tyrone Henry (Jr., 2); 23 Jessie Cornelius (Sr., 2)
PK	10	Todd Latourette (So., 1)

### DEFENSE (4)

SE	97	Nathan Cole (So., 1); 93 Justin Brown (So., 1)
LT	87	Ken Anderson (Jr., 2); 99 D.J. Cooper (Fr., 0)
NG	91	Geno Bell (Sr., 3); 41 Melvin Bradley (So., 0)
RT	95	David Sanders (Jr., 2); 95 Ryan Hale (So., 1)
WE	43	C.J. McLain (So., 0); 40 Norman Nero (So., 1)
SLB	44	Mark Smith (Sr., 3); 51 Sam Brooks (Jr., 2)
WLB	42	Vincent Bradford (Sr., 3); 55 Anthony Hicks (Sr., 2)
LC	4	Marcus Campbell (Jr., 2); 28 Diahron Moss (Fr., 0)
SS	16	DeAnthony Hall (So., 1); 31 Kenny Wright (Fr., 0)
FS	15	Phillip Hayes (Jr., 1); 9 Chris Akins (So., 1)
RC	37	Zac Painter (So., 1); 24 Clarence Fitzgerald (Fr., 0)
P	11	Matt Wait (Jr., 2)

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**Head Coach:** Bob Toledo  
**1995 Record (Pac-10):** 7-5-0 (4-4-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 7th Pac-10

When Terry Donahue announced he was leaving UCLA after 20 seasons as its coach, everyone at the news conference immediately scanned the room for Bob Toledo, the Bruins' offensive coordinator.

Then they went home and forgot about him, turning their attention to Gary Barnett, the highly touted coach of Northwestern's Cinderella Wildcats, and Bill Snyder, who had built a quality program at Kansas State.

But Snyder said he preferred Manhattan, Kan., to Westwood, and Barnett decided he could alter Northwestern's tradition of playing in a bowl game every 46 years.

So it was that Toledo, 50, signed a four-year, \$1.2 million contract to helm the Bruins. The UCLA job represents a reward for more than 20 years of service at various outposts, including crosstown rival Southern California, where Toledo was a secondary coach under John Robinson.

Toledo beat USC last season with a game plan that compensated for the absence of Karim Abdul-Jabbar, the Bruins' 1,571-yard rusher who was injured that day, with multiple formations and player switches, including moving Derek Ayers from wide receiver into the backfield.

The coach also employed an offense that included a "swinging gate" in the Aloha Bowl game, which UCLA lost 51-30 to Kansas, but which gave a hint of things to come.

"We're going to throw more," Toledo says. "We are going to use multiple formations and trick plays. That is my nature. I'm not conservative."

Cade McNown took over as the starter at quarterback in the third game of 1995, completing 122-of-245 passes for 1,698 yards and seven touchdowns, despite being a bit befuddled by opposing defenses. He threw eight interceptions and was prone to run at the sight of a missed block, which may explain why McNown finished the season as UCLA's second-leading rusher (311 yards).

With a new-look offense that features more passing — and having been told to cool his heels in the backfield — McNown can be expected to throw more and run less. But he still can run, which should prove worrisome to foes.

Sophomore Steve Buck, the backup, has yet to throw a pass in a college game.

Junior Skip Hicks, a once-promising tailback who sizzled dramatically, albeit briefly, in 1993, is back after extended problems with injuries to both knees. If truly healthy again, Hicks will bring size (215 pounds), speed and experience to the offense.

If Hicks falters, redshirt freshmen Ryan Roques and Ali Azziz will get a chance to run behind punishing sophomore fullback Cheyane Caldwell. Other possibilities are incoming freshmen Durrell Price and Jermaine Lewis.

If he's not needed in the backfield, Ayers can play wideout with a flair. He caught 23 passes last fall and, when the Bruins sought to vary their



Cade McNown

attack, ran nine times for 144 yards on reverses. On the other side, juniors Jim McElroy (19 catches, 403 yards) and Eric Scott (14, 219) will share time, and both are burners. Sophomore Brad Melsby, expected to redshirt last season, instead caught 12 passes for 173 yards and two TDs.

Toledo wants to get his tight ends more involved in the offense, but starter Mike Grieb, a sophomore, and senior backup Jamal Clark combined for just three catches last season.

Four veterans along the offensive front wall are gone, including Outland Trophy winner and four-year starter Jonathan Ogden. Only junior guard Chad Overhauser offers experience.

The other starters likely will be junior guard Chad Sauter and sophomore center Shawn Stu-

art, along with sophomore Andy Meyers and red-shirt freshman Kris Farris at the tackles.

Will it be a 4-3 or a 3-4? New defensive coordinator Rocky Long calls UCLA's scheme a 5-2, but the way the Bruins will be moving, classifying the alignment could be an exercise in futility. They will be small up front, with only 279-pound Travis Kirschke offering size with experience. The rest of the line will use speed to present opponents with only moving targets to block.

Senior Jason Nevadomsky is getting a look at nose guard, as is junior Weldon Forde. Sophomore Damon Smith is the other tackle. The ends are juniors Vae Tata and Danjuan Magee.

There is experience here with senior outside linebacker Phillip Ward, who recorded 7½ sacks two seasons ago, and junior Brian Willmer, who played alone inside in last season's 4-3 defense. Sophomores Ramogi Huma, Larry Atkins and Ryan Neufeld will contest the other outside spot. Junior Jeff Ruckman, if recovered from back problems, can dominate inside.

A year ago, the Bruins' No. 2 and 3 tacklers were members of the secondary, a situation Toledo doesn't want to see repeated. The top tackler, Abdul McCullough, was technically an undersized (202-pound) linebacker, but he is returning to safety for his senior campaign. McCullough tallied 87 tackles at that position two seasons ago and will be paired with junior Shaun Williams to form a hard-hitting deep-cover tandem.

Senior Paul Guidry will start at one corner and his brother Javelin, a junior, at the other. Senior Anthony Cobbs and junior Glenn Thompkins offer depth as well as possibilities in specialty defenses.

Placekicker Bjorn Merten is an enigma. He played well enough in 1993 to become only the fourth freshman ever named to the AP All-America squad, but he almost lost his job to walk-on Greg Andrasick last season. Merten was successful on 10-of-17 field-goal tries, but when he missed twice against California and once against USC, Andrasick stepped in and booted three field goals.

Sophomore Chris Sailer, a pleasant surprise, posted a 42.3-yard punting average, with 12 boots of 50 yards or longer, three of 60 yards and 19 downed inside the opponent's 20-yard line. One of those, against Washington State, sailed 81 yards.

The returners are Paul Guidry, whose 15.1-yard average on punt returns ranked fifth nationally and first in the Pac-10, and McElroy, who averaged 24.8 yards on kickoff returns.

Some players, particularly offensive linemen, will have to step up quickly if UCLA is to be a factor in the Pac-10 race. The new quick-passing game will help, but until the linemen mature, even that could suffer. Unless Hicks stays healthy, something he hasn't been able to do for three seasons, the Bruins will need help from the young running backs.

The defense, no great shakes last season, will have to overcome a size deficiency with speed and gimmicks, and generate some turnovers if the Bruins are to be in contention for a bowl trip.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (4)

SE	65	Jim McElroy (Jr., 2); 14 Eric Scott (Jr., 1)
LT	71	Kris Farris (Fr., 0); 70 Dan Cotti (Jr., 0)
LG	74	Chad Sauter (Jr., 2); 72 Darren McClure (Sr., 3)
C	52	Shawn Stuart (So., 1); 68 Matt Phelan (Fr., 0)
RG	69	Chad Overhauser (Jr., 2); 61 Sean Gully (Jr., 2)
RT	78	Andy Meyers (So., 1); 76 Gene Waters (Sr., 1)
TE	88	Mike Grieb (So., 1); 96 Jamal Clark (Sr., 3)
QB	18	Cade McNown (So., 1); 11 Steve Buck (So., 0)
FB	49	Cheyane Caldwell (So., 1); 47 Craig Walendy (So., 1)
TB	42	Skip Hicks (Jr., 1); 30 Aki Davis (So., 1)
FL	25	Derek Ayers (Sr., 3); 81 Tod McBride (So., 1)
PK	37	Bjorn Merten (Sr., 3)

### DEFENSE (6)

DE	90	Vae Tata (Jr., 2); 56 Trevor Turner (Fr., 0)
DT	98	Travis Kirschke (Sr., 3); 94 Darren Cline (Jr., 1)
NG	41	Jason Nevadomsky (Sr., 1); 93 Weldon Forde (Jr., 1)
DT	58	Damon Smith (So., 0); 95 Jeff McNeal (Jr., 0)
DE	57	Danjuan Magee (Jr., 2); 91 Jayson Brown (Jr., 1)
OLB	97	Phillip Ward (Sr., 3); 40 Ryan Neufeld (So., 1)
MLB	53	Brian Willmer (Jr., 2); 45 Jeff Ruckman (Jr., 2)
OLB	36	Ramogi Huma (So., 1); 35 Larry Atkins (So., 1)
LC	12	Paul Guidry (Sr., 3); 10 Andy Colbert (Sr., 3)
SS	9	Abdul McCullough (Sr., 3); 21 Glenn Thompkins (Jr., 2)
FS	32	Shaun Williams (Jr., 2); 15 Anthony Cobbs (Sr., 3)
RC	3	Javelin Guidry (Jr., 2); 29 Aaron Roques (Jr., 2)
P	2	Chris Sailer (So., 1)

(P) Injured Players or Returning Seniors  
 BOLD indicates returning starters  
 NUMBER After Class Indicates Letters Won



**Head Coach:** Randy Walker  
**1995 Record (MAC):** 8-2-1 (6-1-1)  
**1996 Pick:** 1st MAC

The Miami (Florida, that is) Hurricane dynasty has slipped a bit since the program's last national championship in 1991. Not helping matters is an NCAA probation that has cut into "Cane recruiting for a while.

On the other hand, the Miami Redskins, popularly known as Miami of Ohio, are on the upswing despite losing two of the best players in the school's history.

Those two are tailback Deland McCullough, the only player ever to lead the Redskins in rushing four straight years and the all-time Mid-American Conference total rushing yardage leader (4,368 yards), and free safety Johnnie Williams, who led the team in tackles the last three years, was honored as the MAC's Defensive Player of the Year and ended his career ranked second in total tackles (524) and solo stops (288).

Fortunately, Miami lost little else.

The Redskins return 41 of 54 letterman from last year's 8-2-1 team (MAC runner-up at 6-1-1), including eight starters on offense, nine on defense and the punter. In case you have forgotten, Miami was the only team to defeat Northwestern (30-28 in Evanston) during the 1995 regular season, and a tie with MAC champion Toledo was the only blemish on the Rockets' 11-0-1 record. Furthermore, the Redskins beat Cincinnati, a team that had one week earlier blanked Virginia Tech 16-0 on the road.

The Redskins also posted their most road wins (five) since 1977, most shutouts (three) since 1982, their first four-game winning streak since 1986 and best overall record since 1985.

Miami's offense rolled up 3,986 yards and 326 points a year ago, fourth highest totals in school history. Senior quarterback Sam Ricketts, who got numerous starts the last two years when Neil Dougherty was injured, completed 108-of-211 passes last season for 1,337 yards and 14 touchdowns, with just seven interceptions.

Without question, Miami last season fielded a quality football team, a legitimate Top 35-caliber squad.

Can the 1996 Redskin outfit be as tough? Perhaps, but there are some potential stumbling blocks, particularly in the form of a very demanding schedule.

The heir-apparent to McCullough at tailback is senior Ty King, a gifted athlete who carried 96 times for 470 yards and six touchdowns.

The receiving corps is headed by senior Tremayne Banks, a second-team All-MAC selection who led the Redskins with 44 catches for 733 yards and five TDs. Banks also was the top punt returner with a 13.3-yard average. The rest of the wideout corps includes sophomores Jay Hall and Nod Washington, and junior college transfer Ray Barnes, who sat out last season.

Senior Eric Beverly is arguably the top blocking tight end in the MAC, while juniors Damian Vaughn and Jeremy Adkins return at H-back.

The offensive line was one of the best in school



Sam Ricketts

history and returns four starters, led by All-MAC junior guard Mike Bird and second-team senior center Matt Cravens. Also back are junior tackle Mark Sroka and senior tackle Chris Rhodes. The likely starter at the other guard spot is sophomore Ted Stec.

If you think all that is impressive, consider the defense, which ranked second in the nation (251.6 yards a game), first in pass-efficiency defense, seventh in scoring defense (15.0) and 11th in rushing defense (110.9).

The defensive line is led by second-team All-MAC pick Jason Holmes at end. Junior tackles Patrice Morgan and Jason Havens started all 11 games last year. Junior Chad Brightman is the other end.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (8)

FL	81	Jay Hall (So., 1); 5 Nod Washington (So., 0)
LG	71	Mark Sroka (Jr., 1); 53 Chris Kalafatis (Fr., 0)
LT	72	Mike Bird (Jr., 1); 66 Chris Huelsman (Fr., 0)
C	61	Mat Cravens (Sr., 3); 60 Matt Kordos (Jr., 1)
RG	67	Ted Stec (So., 1); 74 Josh Romberg (Fr., 1)
RT	54	Chris Rhodes (Sr., 3); 73 Brian Vest (Jr., 1)
TE	80	Eric Beverly (Sr., 3); 85 Andy Sakach (So., 1)
QB	16	Sam Ricketts (Jr., 2); 15 Don Nielsen (Fr., 0)
H	83	Damian Vaughn (Jr., 2); 31 Jeremy Adkins (Jr., 2)
TB	27	Ty King (Sr., 3); 32 Cincy Carraro (Jr., 0)
WR	28	Tremayne Banks (Sr., 3); 1 Ray Barnes (So., 0)
PK	7	John Scott (Fr., 0)

### DEFENSE (9)

LE	86	Chad Brightman (Jr., 2); 94 Andy Habing (Fr., 0)
LT	97	Patrice Morgan (Jr., 1); 58 Marcus Stepp (Jr., 2)
RT	93	Jason Havens (Jr., 2); 64 Ed Marut (So., 1)
RE	90	Jason Holmes (Sr., 2); 96 Jason Simmons (So., 1)
OLB	48	Dee Osborne (Sr., 3); 21 Andy Martin (Jr., 2)
MLB	56	Kenyon Harper (Sr., 3); 34 Ryan Abel (So., 1)
OLB	35	JoJuan Armour (So., 1); 46 Dustin Cohen (Fr., 0)
FC	2	Jamie Taylor (Jr., 2); 30 Jeff Cheeks (Jr., 2)
SS	22	Ernest Perry (Sr., 3); 17 John Baker (So., 1)
FS	26	Jason Druso (Jr., 1); 23 Artie Shaw (Jr., 2)
BC	8	Cleon Plummer (Sr., 2); 9 Joel Miller (Sr., 1)
P	10	Jason Cheney (Sr., 1)

(#) INDICATES NUMBER OF RETURNING STARTERS  
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The strength of the group again appears to be the linebacking corps, which returns all three starters. Senior Kenyon Harper will patrol the middle, flanked by senior Dee Osborne and either sophomore JoJuan Armour or junior Joe Palcic, who suffered a knee injury midway through the season. Harper and Osborne were first-team All-MAC selections.

The Redskin secondary is talented and experienced. Last fall, the unit keyed the defense's school record of 22 pass interceptions. It is anchored by second-team All-MAC performer Jamie Taylor, a junior cornerback who picked off five passes and broke up a dozen others. Senior cornerback Cleon Plummer also had five picks. Senior strong safety Ernest Perry is another

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returning starter. Juniors Jason Druso and Artie Shaw will battle for Williams' free safety spot.

The kicking game is perhaps the main area of concern for seventh-year coach Randy Walker. Placekicker Chad Seitz, the No. 2 scorer in school history, has graduated, leaving a trio of untested players battling for the position: redshirt freshman John Scott and Kevin Tymitz, and true freshman Kent McCullough.

Senior punter Jason Cheney was fourth in the MAC with a 40.9-yard average. Banks and Washington will return punts; King and Barnes will handle kickoff returns.

If Miami is to equal, or better, last fall's success, it must navigate what is likely the toughest overall schedule any MAC team will face.

Specifically, of the predicted top four MAC teams, not including Miami itself, the Redskins must face Toledo, Ball State and Bowling Green on the road (only Central Michigan comes to Oxford).

In addition, Walker's troops must trek to Indiana and Cincinnati. The former has struggled the past few seasons and is expected to be improved. The latter could boast a Top 25 ranking at some point this season and will be determined to rectify its bumble of last September (allowing the Redskins to return a kickoff for the game-winning score in the final seconds). And a mid-October home battle with Army will not be an automatic win.

Make no mistake, Miami could limp home with a losing record in 1996.

But don't expect to see that happen. The Redskins are too deep and too experienced. They'll steal one of the two games with Indiana and Cincy, win two of the three tough MAC road games, and topple Army and Bowling Green at home.

Bluntly, Miami's season likely will hinge on the road contest at Toledo on Nov. 2.



**Head Coach:** Ron Cooper  
**1995 Record:** 7-4-0  
**1996 Pick:** 2nd C-USA

**A**lthough Conference USA begins football competition this fall, the league's Chicago-based headquarters oversaw last December the choosing (by C-USA coaches) of a first- and second-team All-Conference USA.

None of the conference's six football-playing schools was better represented than Louisville, which placed 13 players on the two teams. But of those 13, the Cardinals lost six.

Cardinal coach Ron Cooper enters his second season unfazed. In fact, he thinks this team might be better than last year's respectable 7-4 squad, if anything, because the players will start the season knowing fully what to expect.

"We came in 1995 and changed everything: the offense, the defense, the kicking game, team rules," explains Cooper, at 35 the nation's second-youngest coach (Oklahoma's John Blake is younger, by about one month). "We instituted a fairly strict set of rules we felt would instill discipline."

Cooper admits it took some time for his young charges to adapt to the new system and a new coaching staff. As a partial result, Louisville lost Games 3 and 4 to Michigan State (30-7) and North Carolina (17-10), both at home and nationally televised no less.

"Those two losses took some steam out of us," Cooper says. "But the offense finally started to come around (afterward), and our defense played well all year."

Without question, the Cardinal defense was impressive. Louisville led the nation with 41 turnovers recorded and finished seventh nationally in scoring defense, yielding 15.0 points per contest. In seven games, the Redbirds limited foes to 17 or fewer points.

Cardinal followers wonder whether this season's team can be as rugged defensively. The loss of linebacker Alex Campos will hurt.

However, Tennessee transfer Leland Taylor, a big tackle with fine credentials, joins the unit.

"I feel real good about our football team going into Conference USA play," Cooper says.

Two field generals will do battle to replace Marty Lowe, last fall's starter. Senior Jason Payne was Lowe's main backup, completing 15-of-33 passes for 164 yards, no touchdowns and three interceptions.

Payne is capable but not nearly as heralded as redshirt freshman Chris Redman, a former consensus high school All-America quarterback who is expected to supplant Payne as the starter. If he proves to be as exciting as advertised, Louisville will be tough throughout Redman's stay.

Louisville could unleash a potent 1-2 tailback tandem in sophomore Frank Moreau and junior Donnell Gordon. Moreau completed a solid rookie season with 416 yards, the second most ever by a Cardinal freshman. Gordon, a transfer from Kentucky, is more of a slasher than Moreau.

The starting fullback is expected to be redshirt freshman Iln Green, but senior Kaaba Majeed,



who missed part of last season with an ankle injury, will press for playing time.

Junior wide receiver Miguel Montano (50 catches for 694 yards) was named second-team all-conference. Fellow junior Robert Bates (24 catches, 361 yards, four touchdowns) complements Montano nicely. Cooper wants a third receiver to emerge. That man may be sophomore Caswell Goodman, who caught five passes working as an H-back out of the backfield.

The Cardinal tight end is junior Mike Bogan, a second-team All-C-USA selection who, although totaling only two receptions, is expected to blossom this fall.

Three starters must be replaced along the offensive line, but a transfer will help offset the

losses. Former Notre Dame part-time starter Steve Misetic, a senior, will start at one guard spot, while senior Matt Johnson will start at a tackle position. Junior Craig Hoffman has been moved from guard to center. The other starting tackle could be sophomore Ikem Maduaka-Cain, and the spot at guard opposite Misetic likely will go to sophomore Rick Nord.

On the defensive front, returning starting ends Carl Powell, a senior who registered 44 tackles, and Kendrick Gholston, a junior who added 48 stops and a team-high eight sacks, are solid. Gholston was an All-C-USA pick; Powell was a second-team selection. Taylor, a senior, stands an outstanding chance of starting at one tackle spot. Senior Matt Conway and junior Rondel Marsh will battle at the other tackle.

Senior middle linebacker Tyrus McCloud was the C-USA Defensive Player of the Year. His numbers were impressive: 126 tackles (88 primary stops), four sacks, 11 tackles for losses, three fumble recoveries and two interceptions.

Sophomore Terry Rice-Lockett (56 tackles) should start at one of the outside spots, with junior Ramon Brayan the other probable starter.

Senior cornerback Sam Madison (65 tackles, a team-high seven interceptions) and junior free safety Rico Clark (84 stops) were first- and second-team all-league picks. The strong safety is junior John Fuqua (82 tackles), the son of former Pittsburgh Steeler Frenchy Fuqua. Rounding out the secondary is reliable senior corner Tony Bethel (56 tackles).

Every key player in the Cardinal kicking game returns, although improvement is needed. Senior placekicker David Akers, who nailed 12-of-19 field goals (63.2 percent), and sophomore punter Jeremy Borseth, who averaged a respectable 39.3 yards, need to boost their numbers somewhat.

Junior Frank Fountain averaged 16.5 yards on eight kick returns. Clark, the punt returner, registered an 8.5-yard average on six runbacks.

Cooper is confident that his coaching style is now fully ingrained within his troops. He considers himself a disciplinarian who is progressive enough to be flexible with his many team rules. Further helping in the coach/player communication process is the fact that Cooper's nine-man assistant coaching staff is composed of men 40 years of age and younger. The combination of a youthful, energetic coaching staff and an experienced team with numerous individual stars makes this season look promising for Cardinal boosters.

Louisville should have a great passing attack, an underrated running game, a solid offensive line and a fabulous defense. The schedule is favorable despite six road games (Kentucky, Penn State, Michigan State, Tulane, North Carolina and Houston). Assuming the Cards win their five home games (Baylor, Southern Miss, Northern Illinois, Cincinnati and Memphis) and can take four on the road, a bowl berth is likely.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (6)

WR	8	Miguel Montano (Jr., 2); 26 D.J. Brown (Fr., 0)
OT	79	Ikem Maduaka-Cain (So., 1); 65 Anthony Byrd (Fr., 0)
OG	64	Steve Misetic (Sr., 0); 66 James Pesavento (Jr., 0)
C	53	Craig Hoffman (Jr., 2); 62 Josh Richardson (Fr., 0)
OG	70	Rick Nord (So., 1); 69 Jon Suski (Fr., 0)
OT	67	Matt Johnson (Sr., 2); 71 Mark Grivna (Fr., 0)
TE	84	Mike Bogan (Jr., 2); 89 P.J. Zariczny (Jr., 0)
QB	4	Jason Payne (Sr., 2); 7 Chris Redman (Fr., 0)
TB	32	Frank Moreau (So., 1); 22 Donnell Gordon (Fr., 0)
FB	88	Iln Green (Fr., 0); 47 Jeff Sholly (So., 1)
WR	5	Robert Bates (Jr., 2); 20 Kaaba Majeed (Sr., 2)
PK	38	David Akers (Sr., 3)

### DEFENSE (7)

DE	51	Carl Powell (Sr., 1); 55 Dwayne Gwinner (Fr., 0)
DT	92	Matt Conway (Jr., 1); 95 Rondel Marsh (Jr., 2)
DT	56	Leland Taylor (Sr., 0); 74 Mike Gantous (Fr., 0)
DE	90	Kendrick Gholston (Jr., 1); 83 Andy Peak (Fr., 0)
SLB	57	Ramon Brayan (Jr., 2); 48 Jason Caswell (Fr., 0)
MLB	52	Tyrus McCloud (Sr., 2); 29 Jason Wyatt (So., 1)
WLB	35	Terry Rice-Lockett (So., 2); 40 David Washington (Fr., 0)
CB	13	Sam Madison (Sr., 3); 3 Deran Wiley (Jr., 0)
SS	24	John Fuqua (Jr., 2); 21 Tony Esters (So., 1)
FS	1	Rico Clark (Sr., 3); 19 Courtney Dinkins (Fr., 0)
CB	46	Tony Bethel (Sr., 3); 27 Don Bibb (Fr., 0)
P	38	Jeremy Borseth (So., 1)

(Fr.) indicates freshman; (Sr.) senior; (Jr.) junior; (So.) sophomore.

Numbers in parentheses indicate statistics.

NUMBER AFTER CLASH INDICATES LETTERS WON.



**Head Coach:** Mike Price  
**1995 Record (Pac-10):** 3-8-0 (2-6-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 8th Pac-10

**W**hen a football team finishes 3-8, the off-season doesn't figure to be much fun. But Washington State coach Mike Price wasn't bargaining for the sort of tumult that visited the Cougars.

First, there were questions about the future of quarterback Chad Davis, who had been replaced as the starter in the final two games by promising Ryan Leaf. Davis' billing had exceeded his productivity, and it was thought he hadn't taken the demotion well.

Davis initially said he would return for his senior year, starter or not. Then, in February, he announced he would pursue an NFL career.

That distraction was minimal compared to this: In February, four players — offensive linemen Paul Mickelbart and Ricky Austin, defensive lineman Darryl Jones and linebacker Phillip Glover — announced they were transferring, despite the prospects of playing time.

Price put a positive spin on the defections, saying he had instituted a tougher off-season regimen, both academically and physically, and that not everyone had responded well.

"First of all, if they're not happy here, then they shouldn't stay," he says. "The other thing is, when you're 3-8 and your graduation rate isn't where the head coach, or anybody else, he would like it to be, then you need to be more demanding. What we basically are doing is being more demanding of our players, with things like class checks and weight lifting."

"I think our talent pool is getting better, and if you don't work hard to increase your ability, then you get left out."

Leaf, a sophomore, possesses phenomenal talent and has been compared, at least in stature, to former Washington State signal-caller Drew Bledsoe. When the struggling Cougars faced Washington last fall at Husky Stadium, a venue where fans are notorious for frazzling quarterbacks, Leaf connected on 22-of-33 aeriels for 291 yards, an uncommonly composed effort in a 33-30 defeat.

"Don James (former longtime Washington coach) was quoted as saying he'd never seen a freshman quarterback play that well against a Husky football team," Price says. "So many opposing players came up to me after the game and said Leaf really looked good."

Quarterback depth looms as an acute problem with Davis gone. The primary backup is Steve Birnbaum, a redshirt freshman.

The graduation of fleet Frank Madu (an 87-yard touchdown run at Nebraska) leaves the backfield situation highly unsettled.

Sophomores Miguel Meriwether and Kwame Stewart are candidates at running back. Meriwether played well in the season finale at Washington, tallying 79 yards on nine carries.

The player to watch is junior Michael Black, who played at Dorsey High School in Los Angeles with former UCLA running back Karim Abdul-Jabbar.



James Darling

Tomaso De Rosa

"This guy looks like a big-time player," Price says of Black. "He wasn't able to get his (junior college) degree, so he laid out a year and kind of got lost in the shuffle. Buzz Preston, our running backs coach, kept in touch with him all along, and we ended up getting a big-time recruit without much competition."

Washington State appears to have a solid corps of targets for Leaf, including senior Chad Carpenter (32 catches, 415 yards in '95), and juniors Bryant Thomas (32, 333) and Shawn Tims (17, 289, four touchdowns). Also heartening for Cougar fans is the addition of a group of speedy newcomers: redshirt freshman Nep Drummer, sophomore Nian Taylor and Long Beach City College transfer Kevin McKenzie.

Tight end duties will be shared by senior David Knuff, junior Jon Kincaid and sophomore Love Jefferson, a transfer from Pacific.

"I think the offensive line is going to be a strength for us," says Price. The best up front are junior left guard Jason McEndow and senior left tackle Scott Sanderson. Junior center Cory Withrow is another returning starter.

Junior Ryan McShane will hold down the right tackle spot, but right guard is less settled as sophomore Mike Sage could give way to senior Bryan Chiu, another Pacific transfer.

The void left by Jones' departure will be filled by sophomore defensive tackle Delmar Morais. The coaches think they have two potentially stellar players in sophomore tackle Gary Holmes and junior end Dorian Boose. After signing with Washington State originally, the slender Boose attended Walla Walla Community College, starting on the basketball

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team. Now, having beefed up to 270 pounds, he has "big-time ability," says Price.

Shane Doyle, a junior, is penciled in at one end, with senior Da'VID Evans at the other.

Another end candidate is 6-6, 240-pound junior Jonathan Nance of Miami. Dennis Erickson, the former Hurricane coach now at the helm of the Seattle Seahawks, placed Nance at Chaffey JC, but Nance has been re-routed to Pullman.

Washington State has longed for the arrival of sophomore tackle Malcolm Stewart, who bench-presses 470 pounds. But borderline grades make his eligibility a question mark.

Senior James Darling fits the Cougar tradition of solid linebacking. As usual, Washington State boasts speed at linebacker. Darling is the slowest of the group, running a 4.7 40. Senior Johnny Nansen returns to start on the strong side, and last season's backup Brandon Moore, a junior, steps up to handle the weak side.

Senior Shad Hinchin and sophomore Adesola Moronkola are the cornerbacks. Senior Derek Henderson is listed as the starting free safety, and junior Duane Stewart is penciled in at strong safety.

Senior placekicker Tony Truant (8-of-12 field goals) returns. Junior college transfer Jeff Banks will punt. Hinchin will return both kicks and punts.

The Cougars' 3-8 record last season was the program's worst since 1990. To return to a state of competitiveness, Leaf must emerge as a top-flight quarterback, a quality running back must be found to complement the passing attack and the defensive line must avoid injuries.

Washington State has stockpiled considerable talent, thanks to some Prop 48 entrants and transfers. These players must produce if the team is to make a run at the Pac-10's first division.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (6)

WR	17	Chad Carpenter (Sr., 3); 24 Jason Clayton (So., 1)
LT	72	Scott Sanderson (Sr., 3); 73 Rob Rainville (So., 1)
LG	66	Jason McEndow (Jr., 2); 78 Geoff Pierce (So., 1)
C	71	Cory Withrow (Jr., 2); 62 Lee Harrison (Jr., 1)
RT	77	Mike Sage (So., 0); 65 Bryan Chiu (Sr., 0)
RG	76	Ryan McShane (Jr., 2); 75 Jon Ottenbreit (Fr., 0)
TE	98	David Knuff (Sr., 3); 84 Jon Kincaid (Jr., 1)
SB	8	Shawn Tims (Jr., 1); 23 Nep Drummer (Fr., 0)
QB	16	Ryan Leaf (So., 1); 13 Steve Birnbaum (Fr., 0)
RB	10	Miguel Meriwether (So., 1); 31 Kwame Stewart (So., 1)
FL	18	Bryant Thomas (Jr., 2); 45 Shawn McWashington (Jr., 2)
PK	47	Tony Truant (Sr., 2)

### DEFENSE (7)

DE	88	Da'VID Evans (Sr., 1); 90 Dorian Boose (Jr., 0)
DT	93	Delmar Morais (So., 1); 59 Jason Stroman (Jr., 1)
DT	95	Gary Holmes (So., 1); 35 Takan Blash (Fr., 0)
WE	46	Shane Doyle (Jr., 1); 87 Rob Meier (Fr., 0)
WLB	36	Brandon Moore (Jr., 1); 42 Stephen Gleason (Fr., 0)
MLB	33	James Darling (Sr., 3); 64 Todd Nelson (Jr., 1)
SLB	4	Johnny Nansen (Sr., 2); 45 Chris Dixon (So., 1)
LCB	39	Adesola Moronkola (So., 1); 28 Tray Clayton (So., 0)
SS	25	Duane Stewart (Jr., 2); 21 Kerry Moore (Jr., 0)
FS	20	Derek Henderson (Sr., 3); 3 Terrell Henderson (Sr., 2)
RCB	15	Shad Hinchin (Sr., 1); 32 Jamel Payton (Jr., 1)
P	9	Jeff Banks (Jr., 0)

(\*) Indicates transfer or return from Washington State  
 BOLD indicates returning starters  
 NUMBER After Cougars' season record



## Head Coach:

1995 Record (MAC):

1996 Pick:

## Gary Pinkel

11-0-1 (7-0-1)

2nd MAC

Nebraska has won two consecutive national championships, in the process fashioning perfect records. Last fall, only one other Division I-A football program finished the season with an unbeaten mark.

The Toledo Rockets not only posted an 11-0-1 record and won the Mid-American Conference championship (7-0-1, the only blemish a 28-28 tie with Miami of Ohio), but in the process they finished with a No. 24 national ranking in the final Associated Press poll, the first MAC team to crack the elite grouping since Miami in 1975.

In those days, the MAC posted some impressive numbers. Toledo assembled a record of 35-0 from 1969-71, and Miami won consecutive Tangerine Bowls (forerunner of the Florida Citrus Bowl) in 1973-74-75, defeating Florida, Georgia and South Carolina.

The tie with MAC rival Miami was rather impressive in itself in that the Redskins were the only team to beat Big Ten champ Northwestern (in Evanston, no less) during the regular season. And Miami beat Cincinnati the week after the Bearcats blanked Big East co-champ Virginia Tech, 16-0, in Blacksburg.

Toledo expects to have another competitive team with the return of 39 of 52 lettermen, including six starters from an offense that set 21 school records, seven on defense and the punter.

Toledo's 1-2 punch in the backfield starts with senior tailback Wasean Tait, the nation's second-leading rusher a year ago at 173.2 yards a game. He also was third in scoring and all-purpose yardage. Overall, Tait tallied 1,905 yards and a 5.3-yards-per-carry average. He is one of the four best running backs in America.

The young man who hands off to Tait is senior quarterback Ryan Huzjak, who had the best touchdown-to-interception ratio (15-5) in the MAC. Huzjak completed 156-of-273 passes (57.1 percent) for 1,880 yards, 15 touchdowns and only five interceptions. He also rushed for 367 yards on 117 carries (3.1-yard average).

Junior Dwayne Harris, a 4.3 speedster, was among the nation's best in kickoff returns with a 24.3-yard average. When given a chance to carry the ball, he was even more impressive — seven carries for 84 yards, a 12.0-yard average.

Tight end Steve Rosi, the team's leading receiver, is gone, but a strong group of pass catchers returns, led by senior split end James Spriggs, who totaled three touchdowns among his 18 receptions. Sophomore flanker Brock Kreitzburg (23 receptions) is the heir-apparent to Rosi as Toledo's possession receiver. Sophomore H-back Mace Freeman averaged 19.7 yards a catch. Senior Chip Hendon replaces Rosi at tight end.

That leaves only the line as a concern on offense. Toledo lost four of its five interior linemen. Senior guard Nate Johnson is the lone returning starter, but senior guards Ramon Torres and Paul Dalmas, junior tackle Chris Williams



Wasean Tait

and sophomore tackle Colin Westrich all logged significant playing time and should fill the gaps. Junior James Bates will man the center position.

"We played eight guys on a consistent basis last year, so even though we lost four linemen it's not a complete wipeout," coach Gary Pinkel says.

Pinkel completely overhauled Toledo's defense last year, installing a multiple 4-4 alignment. Encouragingly, the Rockets responded by leading the nation in turnover margin (plus-2 a game). Pinkel's squad recorded 34 takeaways while relinquishing the ball just 12 times. The Rockets outscored the opposition on turnovers 128-14.

Pinkel says the defensive line, outside linebackers and secondary can all be areas of strength.

Three starting linemen return — junior tackles

Joey Jones and Jason Richards and junior end Loren Burkey. The other end is expected to be junior Matt Fernandez. The reserves are seniors Damon Walker and Aaron Avery.

Junior outside linebacker Craig Dues participated in 11 of the 34 takeaways the Rockets registered and totaled 81 tackles. Junior Marcus Matthews, who notched five sacks, returned an interception for a touchdown and caused three fumbles as a backup, should step in as the other OLB. Senior inside linebacker Jamie Johnson led the team with 11.9 tackles a game (131 total). Lining up opposite him inside is sophomore Matt Vaillant.

In the secondary, senior Mark Herron returns at free safety after accumulating 108 tackles (a team-high 62 solo) last season. Also back is junior cornerback Clarence Love. The other cornerback is projected to be junior Rasche Sumpter.

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— Gary Pinkel

Sophomore Ryan Klaer, who handled the placekicking as a true freshman in 1994 (9-of-14 field goals, 32-of-37 PATs) and redshirted last year, returns to that position.

In a conference loaded with talented punters, senior Ty Grude, a starter since his freshman year, averaged a school-record 42.8 yards per punt last fall and was named to the All-MAC second team.

After facing a tough road schedule in 1995, Toledo will have perhaps its best home slate ever. It starts when Indiana becomes the first Big Ten team ever to visit the Glass Bowl and includes MAC powers Bowling Green, Western Michigan, Miami and Central Michigan.

Is it within reason to think Toledo can crack the Top 25 again?

"Yes," Pinkel responds. "People told me prior to last season that it wasn't realistic for a MAC team to be ranked in the Top 25. I don't think there is any question that we're returning a good football team."

There is also no question that the recent success of Toledo football (the program is 55-31-3 since the 1988 season) has helped improved the school's overall athletic image.

With 25,000 students, respected academic programs and quality athletic facilities, the university is a centerpiece of Toledo (metropolitan population roughly 600,000). Detroit and Cleveland are nearby, potentially providing Rocket sports teams outstanding media coverage. And these positives will help Toledo position itself for the next round of major conference realignment, predicted by some to happen between 2005 and 2010.

If Toledo is to be a part of something special, and of all the MAC school's its chances appear to be the best, continued football success is a key.

## depth chart

## OFFENSE (6)

FL	84	Brock Kreitzburg (So., 1); 8 Romain Davis (Jr., 2)
TE	83	Chip Hendon (Sr., 2); 81 Rick Scott (So., 1)
WT	55	Colin Westrich (So., 1); 79 David Stanwick (Sr., 0)
WG	60	Paul Dalmas (Sr., 1); 92 Matt Riesen (Sr., 3)
C	53	James Bates (Jr., 1); 71 Mike Lenix (Jr., 0)
SG	73	Nate Johnson (Sr., 2); 52 Ramon Torres (Sr., 1)
ST	74	Chris Williams (Jr., 1); 67 Tom Erb (So., 0)
SE	80	James Spriggs (Sr., 3); 16 Damon Ealey (So., 1)
HB	29	Mace Freeman (So., 1); 5 Vince Wilson (Sr., 1)
QB	10	Ryan Huzjak (Sr., 3); 7 Chris Wallace (So., 0)
TB	24	Wasean Tait (Sr., 3); 1 Dwayne Harris (Jr., 1)
PK	3	Ryan Klaer (So., 1)

## DEFENSE (7)

DT	86	Jason Richards (Jr., 2); 47 Gregg King (So., 1)
DT	91	Joey Jones (Jr., 1); 90 Damon Walker (Sr., 1)
DE	57	Loren Burkey (Jr., 1); 87 Chris Gillette (So., 0)
DE	97	Matt Fernandez (Jr., 2); 93 Aaron Avery (Sr., 0)
OLB	30	Marcus Matthews (Jr., 2); 37 Keith Travis (Fr., 0)
OLB	36	Craig Dues (Jr., 2); 44 Romules Durant (So., 1)
ILB	55	Matt Vaillant (So., 0); 56 Anjuan Savage (So., 1)
ILB	39	Jamie Johnson (Sr., 3); 85 Mark Hatgas (Jr., 1)
CB	26	Clarence Love (Jr., 2); 15 Todd Burch (Fr., 0)
CB	23	Rasche Sumpter (Jr., 1); 4 Kelly Herndon (So., 1)
FS	13	Mark Herron (Sr., 3); 6 Chris Holfield (Jr., 2)
P	38	Ty Grude (Sr., 3)

(#) INDICATES NUMBER OF RETURNING STARTERS  
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NUMBER AFTER CLASS INDICATES LETTERS WON



**Head Coach:** Pat Sullivan  
**1995 Record (SWC):** 6-5-0 (3-4-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 3rd WAC Mountain

For the first time in three years, Texas Christian coach Pat Sullivan will head into fall two-a-days with no established starting quarterback or tailback.

But Sullivan likes the potential of a team that returns 10 starters and will make its Western Athletic Conference debut after a 6-5 finish in its swan-song season as a Southwest Conference member.

"Our goal is to be playing in Las Vegas on Dec. 7," Sullivan says, referring to the first WAC title game. "That's a realistic goal."

In particular, Sullivan is high on his offensive and defensive lines. With reserves, redshirts and signees, Sullivan figures he has enough skill-position talent to guide this team well past a modest third consecutive winning season. The last time the Horned Frogs posted three straight winning seasons was back in the late '50s (1957-59).

"Our kids are to the point they expect to compete for the conference championship in whatever conference they're in," says Sullivan. "We're getting close physically to matching up and doing that."

Mentally, says senior linebacker Geoff Stephens, the Horned Frogs have advanced light years since he hit the campus for the first time, in the fall of 1993.

"When I was a freshman, and we'd be getting ready to play Texas or Baylor, there was fear. We didn't have confidence," says Stephens, the team's top returning tackler with 80 stops in 1995. "Now, we know we can play with anybody."

Max Knake, a three-year starter at quarterback, is gone. His longtime understudy, junior Todd Stanford, ended spring drills as No. 1 but has yet to attempt a pass at the collegiate level.

Stanford may not get many opportunities this fall, either. Arriving in August is Fred Taylor, a 4.5 sprinter who was named the National Junior College Most Valuable Player for 1995 after an All-America season at Hinds (Miss.) Junior College. Taylor completed 56.4 percent of his passes last season for 2,381 yards and 22 touchdowns.

Departed Andre Davis, TCU's leading rusher the past two seasons, was effective but not particularly speedy. His replacement will be less experienced but faster.

Incoming freshman Reggie Hunt (4.4 speed), who rushed for more than 2,000 yards and scored 40 touchdowns as a high school senior, may wind up playing free safety. Andre Bruce, a sophomore, and Sterling Boyd, a senior, bring blue-chip credentials to the table. Basil Mitchell, a sophomore, has been a hit in spring drills the past two years. Any of the foursome could become a solid complement to senior fullback Koi Woods (4.7 yards per carry, 10.4 yards per catch).

Whoever emerges as the Horned Frog quarterback will have an all-conference target in wide receiver John Washington (52 catches, 699 yards), as well as a dependable second option in Jason Tucker (31 catches, 433 yards). Junior college signee Rodney Lauderdale possesses 4.35 speed



and possibly could emerge as a game breaker.

Tight end is open, with juco transfer Mike Brown, sophomore Travis Wilson and redshirt freshman Kyle Williams in the mix.

This fall, TCU will average 284.7 pounds per man, from tackle-to-tackle, on the first and second offensive units. Most have experience, headed by All-America candidate Ryan Tucker at center. Tucker, a senior, is joined by fellow returnees Fabian Stregall, a senior, and Mark Cortez, a junior, at quick guard and quick tackle, respectively. Candidates for the other guard spot include sophomores James Smith and J.P. McFarland, while sophomore Greg Davis is expected to be the man at strong tackle.

Seniors Bernard Oldham and Gaylon Hyder

will bear much of the responsibility for improving a run defense that allowed opponents 4.5 yards per rushing attempt last season. Fellow senior Michael Janak is the top backup at both positions.

TCU coaches also expect breakthrough seasons from a pair of first-year starters at end: Matt Harper, a transfer from Stanford, and Chance McCarty, a converted quarterback.

Stephens is the lone returning starter at linebacker. But there was off-season improvement from sophomore Kam Hunt, TCU's bellcow signee of 1995, and the return from injury of junior Jay Davern. Dependable reserves Tony Brown, Scott Taft and Marvin Mullins give the Horned Frogs six quality linebackers.

Cornerback Godfrey White and strong safety Chris Staten could merit all-conference consideration. White, a junior, knocked down a team-

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**— Geoff Stephens**

high 10 passes and forced two fumbles. Staten, another junior, totaled 70 tackles.

The free safety spot is open and could belong to Hunt, a bruising hitter. Sophomores Lenward Bentley and Barry Browning also are under consideration.

At the corner opposite White, two additional newcomers, junior college transfer Terrell Sutton and redshirt freshman Terrance Cook, will battle senior Cedric Allen for playing time.

Michael Reeder was the 1995 Lou Groza Award winner. Reeder, a junior who has yet to miss from inside 39 yards in his career (27-of-27 field goals from that distance, 52-of-52 PATs), has converted 85 percent of his field-goal opportunities at TCU (34-of-40). Reeder may also handle punting duties in 1996. If not, look for reserve quarterback Royce Huffman to take the long snaps.

The return game appears first-rate, thanks to the elusive Washington (12.2-yard average, one touchdown on a punt return).

Without question, Sullivan has the necessary beef in the trenches to have his team seriously qualify as a factor in the WAC race. But the skill-position players are under the gun to make an immediate impact, especially at quarterback and tailback.

The resumes look promising. But the proof comes in September for coveted 1996 additions Taylor, Hunt, Harper, Lauderdale, Cook, Sutton and Brown.

If TCU can get immediate impact from that "Magnificent Seven," as Sullivan expects, the Horned Frogs could well be headed to Las Vegas. If not, the team will have to settle for a third consecutive winning season.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (5)

WR	3	John Washington (Sr., 3); 38 Torrie Simmons (Fr., 0)
QB	67	Mark Cortez (Jr., 2); 74 Jon Donahue (So., 1)
QT	63	Fabian Stregall (Sr., 1); 79 Doug Loeser (Jr., 0)
C	50	Ryan Tucker (Sr., 3); 77 Clifton Clemons (Fr., 0)
SG	78	James Smith (So., 1); 69 J.P. McFarland (So., 1)
ST	64	Greg Davis (So., 1); 71 Paul Harmon (Fr., 0)
TE	88	Travis Wilson (So., 1); 89 Kyle Williams (Fr., 0)
FL	80	Jason Tucker (Jr., 2); 82 Tavarus Moore (So., 1)
QB	9	Todd Stanford (Jr., 2); 13 Garth Davies (Jr., 0)
FB	5	Koi Woods (Sr., 2); 35 Lance Williams (So., 1)
TB	20	Andre Bruce (So., 1); 22 Basil Mitchell (So., 0)
PK	17	Michael Reeder (Jr., 2)

### DEFENSE (5)

DE	91	Matt Harper (Jr., 0); 98 Akili Johnson (Fr., 0)
NT	57	Bernard Oldham (Sr., 1); 95 Michael Janak (Sr., 3)
DT	92	Gaylon Hyder (Sr., 3); 95 Michael Janak (Sr., 3)
DE	99	Chance McCarty (Jr., 2); 94 Darryl Johnson (So., 1)
OLB	42	Tony Brown (Sr., 3); 40 Kam Hunt (So., 1)
MLB	51	Scott Taft (Jr., 2); 49 Marvin Mullins (So., 1)
OLB	7	Geoff Stephens (Sr., 3); 43 Jay Davern (Jr., 2)
CB	10	Godfrey White (Jr., 2); 6 Corey Masters (Jr., 2)
SS	29	Chris Staten (Jr., 1); 32 Joseph Phipps (So., 1)
CB	25	Cedric Allen (Sr., 3); 16 Terrance Cook (Fr., 0)
FS	26	Lenward Bentley (So., 1); 31 Barry Browning (So., 0)
P	86	Todd Fitzgerald (Jr., 0)

(W) indicates number of returning starters.  
 (0) indicates returning starters.  
 (NUMBER) shows class and number of letters left.



**Head Coach:** John Blake  
**1995 Record (Big Eight):** 5-5-1 (2-5-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 5th Big 12 South

**F**or the second consecutive season, Oklahoma is entering a new era under a new coach in a new conference. The inherent goal is to resurrect the tradition that ended with the departure of Barry Switzer following the 1988 season.

Oklahoma continued to win under Gary Gibbs, Switzer's successor, but not against the opponents that mattered most: Texas, Nebraska and Colorado. Gibbs' combined record against those three was 2-15-1. As a result, he was replaced by Howard Schnellenberger, whose first and only team as Oklahoma coach managed a tie with Texas but suffered lopsided losses to Colorado and Nebraska, as well as being shut out by Nebraska and Oklahoma State.

Exit Schnellenberger after a 5-5-1 season that included a fifth-place tie with Oklahoma State in the conference. Enter John Blake, a former Sooner player and assistant coach, who had been endorsed by Switzer, his boss with the Dallas Cowboys, when Schnellenberger was hired a year ago.

"Nothing means more to me than having this opportunity to get back to the people and the place that's always been there for me," says Blake, who becomes the nation's youngest major college head football coach. He'll probably need Oklahoma fans to be there for him, at least for this season.

Quarterback is an area of uncertainty. Sophomore Eric Moore is the returning starter, but he completed only 90-of-200 passes for 1,375 yards and seven touchdowns, with nine interceptions.

The alternative is Justin Fuente, a redshirt freshman who passed for more than 6,000 yards and 68 touchdowns during his career at Tulsa Union High School. Among the first things Blake did after being hired was assure Fuente that the Sooners would commit to an offense in which he was comfortable. Without such an assurance there was concern that the highly regarded Fuente, who played in a pro-style, no-huddle offense in high school, might transfer.

Blake plans to use a multiple offense, with two backs and play-action passing.

Senior halfback James Allen rushed for only 338 yards, but Blake says, "James is a much better back running out of the I. He doesn't have great speed but he's good at finding holes."

Redshirt freshman DeMond Parker, who has run the 40-yard dash in 4.39, will have an opportunity to step in, as will Bennie Butler, who sat out all of last year after failing to meet NCAA freshman eligibility requirements.

Senior fullback Dwayne Chandler sat out last season while recovering from knee surgery, but junior Michael Rose emerged from spring practice as the starter.

Junior tight end Stephen Alexander is the Sooners' only proven receiver. He led the team in receiving with 43 catches for 580 yards and two touchdowns. Sophomore wideouts Chris Blocker



James Allen

and Gerald Williams, the only other holdovers, had just three catches between them. In spring practice, however, they were rated as starters.

None of Oklahoma's interior linemen has significant experience. Without question, the biggest concern on offense is the line.

Senior Chris Campbell started one game at guard. Junior Bruce McClure started twice at tackle. McClure was moved back to center (where he began his college career) during the spring. Junior Jon Mulac moved up to No. 1 at the other guard during the spring, with sophomore Jay Smith and junior Barry Giles finishing as the top tackle candidates.

Blake, who coached the Dallas Cowboys' defensive line, has three veteran performers up

front. Senior left tackle Barron Tanner moved from end and started every game a year ago, finishing fourth on the team in tackles with 56. Seven were for losses totaling 38 yards. Sophomore Kelly Gregg and junior Martin Chase are leading aspirants to start at right tackle.

Senior Roderick Manuel, a converted tight end who started twice at defensive end, heads the list at that position. Manuel was second on the team in sacks with five for 34 yards in losses. Junior Mike Phipps is likely to join Manuel at end.

Middle linebacker Tyrell Peters is the best of Oklahoma's defenders. The All-Big Eight senior was the team's leading tackler with 121, including 72 unassisted and two sacks.

Senior weak-side linebacker Broderick Simpson finished second in tackles with 117. Simpson and Peters played important roles in a defense that ranked second in the conference and ninth

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nationally against the run. Junior Travian Smith is an experienced outside linebacker.

Redshirt freshman Chris Justice, a cousin of the Atlanta Braves' David Justice, is among the young players who must step up at outside linebacker in Oklahoma's 4-3 defense.

Senior rover/free safety Anthony Fogle is the most experienced player in the secondary. He started six games at rover and one at free safety last season. Senior Rod Henderson started five games at rover.

Sophomores Terry White and Cedric Stephens are carryovers who probably will start. Ramon Burroughs transferred from junior college at midyear. He's being counted on to fill the void at one cornerback opposite Stephens.

Candidates in the secondary include several redshirt freshmen, among them Clovis Woods, Anthony Davis, Rusty Rushing and Dennis Hubbard. All four are credited with 4.5 or better speed in the 40-yard dash, a requirement in an aggressive 4-3 defense.

Junior Jeremy Alexander led the Big Eight in field-goal kicking, making 11 in a row and 14-of-17 overall.

Sophomore Brian Lewis averaged 40.8 yards on 39 punts to rank third in the conference, but the Sooners went through a six-game stretch during which six were blocked.

Sooner fans will have to be patient, and they probably will be, given the fact that Blake is one of their own.

Oklahoma faces a tough Big 12 schedule, getting Nebraska, Kansas State and Kansas as its interdivisional opponents. Oklahoma could be hard-pressed to avoid its first losing season since 1965.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (3)

FL	24	Chris Blocker (So., 0); 81 Jarri Jackson (Fr., 0)
LT	70	Barry Giles (Jr., 1); 62 Ricky Clark (Fr., 0)
LG	66	Chris Campbell (Sr., 3); 55 Able Simmons
C	73	Bruce McClure (Jr., 2); 77 Tim Macias (So., 0)
RG	64	Jon Mulac (Jr., 0); 67 Derrick Nelson (Jr., 0)
RT	66	Jay Smith (So., 1); 50 David Bullard (Sr., 0)
TE	80	Stephen Alexander (Jr., 2); 86 Jason Freeman (So., 1)
WR	10	Gerald Williams (So., 1); 83 Todd Barnes (Fr., 0)
QB	1	Eric Moore (So., 1); 12 Justin Fuente (Fr., 0)
FB	20	Michael Rose (Jr., 2); 30 Jermaine Fazole (So., 1)
HB	25	James Allen (Sr., 3); 33 DeMond Parker (Fr., 0)
PK	15	Jeremy Alexander (Jr., 2)

### DEFENSE (6)

LE	91	Mike Phipps (Jr., 1); 94 Greg Moyer (So., 0)
LT	76	Baron Tanner (Sr., 2); 95 Scott Wilson (Jr., 0)
RT	97	Kelly Gregg (So., 1); 93 Martin Chase (Jr., 2)
RE	85	Roderick Manuel (Sr., 3); 99 Carlos Baker (So., 0)
OLB	36	Travian Smith (Jr., 2); 27 Collin Rosenberg (Sr., 3)
MLB	45	Tyrell Peters (Sr., 3); 43 Corey Ivy (Jr., 1)
OLB	51	Broderick Simpson (Sr., 3); 84 Dale Allen (So., 1)
LCB	21	Ramon Burroughs (Jr., 0); 4 Clovis Woods (Fr., 0)
SS	13	Terry White (So., 1); 17 Rod Henderson (Sr., 3)
FS	9	Anthony Fogle (Sr., 3); 14 Cornelius Davis (Jr., 1)
RCB	7	Cedric Stephens (So., 1); 14 Cornelius Davis (Jr., 1)
P	82	Brian Lewis (So., 1)

(R) Redshirt; (So.) Sophomore; (Fr.) Freshman; (Sr.) Senior; (Jr.) Junior; (0) No starts; (1) One start; (2) Two starts; (3) Three starts; (4) Four starts; (5) Five starts; (6) Six starts; (7) Seven starts; (8) Eight starts; (9) Nine starts; (10) Ten starts; (11) Eleven starts; (12) Twelve starts; (13) Thirteen starts; (14) Fourteen starts; (15) Fifteen starts; (16) Sixteen starts; (17) Seventeen starts; (18) Eighteen starts; (19) Nineteen starts; (20) Twenty starts; (21) Twenty-one starts; (22) Twenty-two starts; (23) Twenty-three starts; (24) Twenty-four starts; (25) Twenty-five starts; (26) Twenty-six starts; (27) Twenty-seven starts; (28) Twenty-eight starts; (29) Twenty-nine starts; (30) Thirty starts; (31) Thirty-one starts; (32) Thirty-two starts; (33) Thirty-three starts; (34) Thirty-four starts; (35) Thirty-five starts; (36) Thirty-six starts; (37) Thirty-seven starts; (38) Thirty-eight starts; (39) Thirty-nine starts; (40) Forty starts; (41) Forty-one starts; (42) Forty-two starts; (43) Forty-three starts; (44) Forty-four starts; (45) Forty-five starts; (46) Forty-six starts; (47) Forty-seven starts; (48) Forty-eight starts; (49) Forty-nine starts; (50) Fifty starts; (51) Fifty-one starts; (52) Fifty-two starts; (53) Fifty-three starts; (54) Fifty-four starts; (55) Fifty-five starts; (56) Fifty-six starts; (57) Fifty-seven starts; (58) Fifty-eight starts; (59) Fifty-nine starts; (60) Sixty starts; (61) Sixty-one starts; (62) Sixty-two starts; (63) Sixty-three starts; (64) Sixty-four starts; (65) Sixty-five starts; (66) Sixty-six starts; (67) Sixty-seven starts; (68) Sixty-eight starts; (69) Sixty-nine starts; (70) Seventy starts; (71) Seventy-one starts; (72) Seventy-two starts; (73) Seventy-three starts; (74) Seventy-four starts; (75) Seventy-five starts; (76) Seventy-six starts; (77) Seventy-seven starts; (78) Seventy-eight starts; (79) Seventy-nine starts; (80) Eighty starts; (81) Eighty-one starts; (82) Eighty-two starts; (83) Eighty-three starts; (84) Eighty-four starts; (85) Eighty-five starts; (86) Eighty-six starts; (87) Eighty-seven starts; (88) Eighty-eight starts; (89) Eighty-nine starts; (90) Ninety starts; (91) Ninety-one starts; (92) Ninety-two starts; (93) Ninety-three starts; (94) Ninety-four starts; (95) Ninety-five starts; (96) Ninety-six starts; (97) Ninety-seven starts; (98) Ninety-eight starts; (99) Ninety-nine starts; (100) One hundred starts.



**Head Coach:** Mike O'Cain  
**1995 Record (ACC):** 3-8-0 (2-6-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 7th ACC

**T**he record said 3-8, but no one thought North Carolina State was a 3-8 team last year.

"State will be tough again," says Virginia coach George Welsh. "What happened last year was just one of those things."

What happened was that State, with a very young team, took a 1-1 record to Tallahassee for the third game of the season and got greased 77-17 by Florida State. Key injuries and a lack of depth compounded the Wolfpack's woes and the team lost its way for the rest of the season.

Depth is still a problem, but coach Mike O'Cain is optimistic the Pack will improve its lot in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

"Lack of depth and finding a quarterback are our biggest obstacles," O'Cain says. "We had a very good spring practice and I really like the attitude and feeling I have."

With the graduation of quarterback Terry Harvey, a three-way battle for his job is underway. After spring practice, it was a tossup between redshirt freshman Jamie Barnette and sophomore Jose Laureano, who has the only Saturday combat experience (28 completions in 50 attempts).

Still to be heard from is 6-4, 220-pound Colin Harris, who brings a strong, accurate arm from Fort Scott (Kan.) Community College.

Says O'Cain, "Barnette and Laureano made great strides in the spring and showed they can lead this football team. What they need is experience. The only negative about Harris is he didn't go through spring practice."

As a freshman in 1994, Tremayne Stephens rushed for 791 yards in nine games. In '95, despite an assortment of injuries, Stephens ran for 849 yards and five touchdowns to lead the Wolfpack.

"He's an excellent back and he got banged up because we didn't have anyone to step up as the second tailback," says O'Cain. "We hope he can get back to the way he played the last part of his freshman year."

"Overall, at running back, we're probably as good as we've been since I've been here. We have two outstanding fullbacks in (senior) Rod Brown and (junior) Carlos King. If All-ACC selectors stuck strictly to positions, both would be strong candidates."

Brown's 526 yards trailed only Stephens in the rushing column, and King added 124 yards. Providing relief for Stephens will be senior Kevin Matier, who has never reached his potential, and sophomores Theodore Chavis and Cordell Smith.

Team-leading receiver Mike Guffie (49 catches) has graduated, but senior wideout Jimmy Grissett was second to Guffie with 37 receptions and junior Greg Addis was close on Grissett's heels with 34. They're the projected starters, but keep an eye on sophomore Torrey Holt, who is listed behind Addis at flanker.

Tight end, manned by junior Mark Thomas, sophomore Devon Smith and injury-plagued senior Jason McGeorge, is another State plus.



**Tremayne Stephens**

Thomas, the starter (10 catches in '95), and Smith are tenacious blockers, and McGeorge gives the Pack another good pair of hands.

Other than quarterback, the biggest concern is the offensive line, though the top five are not bad. Senior tackles Tom Dombalis and Terrence Boykin, sophomore guard Alex Santos, junior guard Lonnie Gilbert and junior center Seamus Murphy make up the starting five.

Sophomore Ian Rafferty and redshirt freshman Todd Boyle provide depth at tackle, as do sophomore J.J. Jones and redshirt freshman Patrick Dunn at guard and junior Jason Groff at center.

Junior defensive tackle George Williams was the No. 1 tackler among linemen with 66 hits, two sacks and 10 stops behind the line. At the other

tackle, the staff is looking at senior Mark Lawrence, junior Lateef Patterson, sophomores Perry Cotten and Sheldon Kee, and freshman Jeff Kuh.

Three quality players — junior Brad Collins and sophomores Darwin Walker and Clayton Simon — are vying for the starting end slots. All had good springs. Of the trio, Collins logged the most playing time. Juniors Tom Loughlin and Kyle Blalock are also available at end. As O'Cain says, "There's a little bit of a question mark here."

The good news is that junior linebacker Morocco Brown, the team's leading tackler a year ago, had a strong spring and could improve on his 92 hits and four tackles for loss of '95. But until senior Ron Melnik recovers from a pinched nerve, Brown, normally an outside linebacker, must play in the middle. Melnik was the second-best tackler a year ago with 81 despite missing the last two games of the season. He also missed all of spring practice.

**Depth is a problem, but coach Mike O'Cain is optimistic the Pack will improve its lot in the ACC this year.**

Four players — juniors Duan Everett and Kit Carpenter, sophomore Bobbie Cotten and redshirt freshman Tim Ramseur — will duke it out for the two outside positions. At the end of spring drills, Everett had an edge at one position. Of the returnees, Cotten was the hit leader with 61.

This could be the best group of safeties O'Cain has had at N.C. State. Senior co-captain and strong safety Kenny Harris, coming off a 55-tackle, two-interception season, is an honors candidate. He is backed up by junior Brandon Davis. The battle at free safety is between junior Damon Wyche and sophomore Jason Perry (49 tackles, two picks).

"I feel good about the safeties," says O'Cain. "All four have starting experience."

That's not the case at cornerback. Sophomores Hassan Shamsid-Deen (59 hits, two interceptions) and Rodney Redd have the only extensive playing time, starting nine games between them last season.

The Pack returns both foot specialists, senior placekicker Marc Primanti and sophomore punter-kickoff man Jay Dukes. Primanti missed only 1-of-28 extra-point attempts and was 11-of-13 on field goals. Dukes averaged 39.1 yards on 47 punts.

Addis averaged 8.6 yards on punt returns, and Holt, Perry and junior Alvis Whitted are dangerous kickoff returners. Redshirt freshman Eric Riddick, a backup free safety, is another return possibility.

The Pack has two major problems: lack of depth and finding a quarterback. If O'Cain solves those, you can expect a big improvement over last year's very un-N.C. State-like 3-8 record.

There are no patsies on the schedule. Outside of the ACC, State plays Alabama at home, Purdue on the road and East Carolina at Charlotte.

As O'Cain says, "We could be a better team and not improve much on last year's record."

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (6)

SE	83	Jimmy Grissett (Sr., 3); 80 Alvis Whitted (Jr., 2)
LG	63	Tom Dombalis (Sr., 2); 60 Ian Rafferty (So., 1)
LG	61	Alex Santos (So., 0); 75 J.J. Jones (So., 0)
C	58	Seamus Murphy (Jr., 2); 72 Jason Groff (Jr., 1)
RG	65	Lonnie Gilbert (Jr., 2); 79 Patrick Dunn (Fr., 0)
RT	78	Terrence Boykin (Sr., 2); 55 Todd Boyle (Fr., 0)
TE	24	Mark Thomas (Jr., 2); 89 Devon Smith (So., 1)
QB	8	Jamie Barnette (Fr., 0); 15 Jose Laureano (So., 1)
FB	35	Rod Brown (Sr., 3); 39 Carlos King (Jr., 1)
TB	20	Tremayne Stephens (Jr., 2); 5 Theodore Chavis (So., 0)
FL	25	Greg Addis (Jr., 2); 81 Torrey Holt (So., 1)
PK	10	Marc Primanti (Sr., 1)

### DEFENSE (6)

DE	93	Brad Collins (Jr., 2); 96 Tom Loughlin (Jr., 0)
DT	91	Mark Lawrence (Sr., 3); 98 Jeff Kuh (Fr., 0)
DT	95	George Williams (Jr., 2); 98 Lateef Patterson (Jr., 1)
DE	34	Darwin Walker (So., 1); 94 Kyle Blalock (Jr., 1)
OLB	36	Bobbie Cotten (So., 1); 40 Kit Carpenter (Jr., 2)
MLB	48	Morocco Brown (Jr., 2); 44 Tim Ramseur (Fr., 0)
OLB	16	Duan Everett (Jr., 1); 32 Kevin Mitchell (Fr., 0)
CB	8	Rodney Redd (So., 1); 6 Kevin Russell (Jr., 2)
FS	32	Damon Wyche (Jr., 2); 9 Jason Perry (So., 1)
SS	3	Kenny Harris (Sr., 3); 1 Brandon Davis (Jr., 2)
CB	7	Hassan Shamsid-Deen (So., 1); 2 Lloyd Harrison (Fr., 0)
P	21	Jay Dukes (So., 1)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters  
 BOLD indicates returning starters  
 NUMBER After Class Indicates Letterman With



**Head Coach:** Fisher DeBerry  
**1995 Record (WAC):** 8-5-0 (6-2-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 3rd WAC Pacific

All four of the 1995 WAC co-champions have near-miss stories to tell about last season, but no team can top Air Force's.

Utah scored 15 points in 10 seconds for a 22-21 victory over the Falcons, ultimately keeping Air Force from winning an outright Western Athletic Conference title and going to the Holiday Bowl.

"I've never been a part of one like that," says Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry, still shaken months later. "The bottom fell out."

The Falcons recovered to win their last two league games at Fresno State and Hawaii to tie for first and earn a Copper Bowl invitation. Soon after that, DeBerry was named the WAC Coach of the Year for the first time since 1985.

Even though Air Force lost 55-41 to Texas Tech, the bowl appearance marked a comeback for the program, completing the Falcons' turnaround from a ninth-place WAC finish in 1993. Air Force has won 12 of its last 14 WAC games.

The father of professional baseball player Joe DeBerry, the coach is confident the Falcons will be solid "down the middle" this year — like a good baseball team. They have two capable centers, a great quarterback and a competent fullback.

"You have to be good down the middle with the wishbone," DeBerry says.

Replacing the offensive tackles and moving players into the correct positions defensively will go a long way toward determining whether the Falcons will be strong enough to contend in the WAC's Pacific Division.

Senior Beau Morgan returns as the All-WAC quarterback, having rushed and passed for more than 1,000 yards each last season. Of the eight quarterbacks who have ever posted equivalent numbers, three are from Air Force. Morgan follows Bart Weiss (1985) and Dee Dowis (1989).

No player in NCAA history has recorded the double-1,000 twice in a career. Thus, Morgan faces a challenge. In the final regular-season game of '95, he ran for 206 yards and four touchdowns, and passed for 103 yards and another score at Hawaii. For the season, he accounted for 31 TDs.

"He's a tremendous athlete, a tremendous competitor," says Colorado State defensive coordinator Larry Kerr. "I like his toughness."

Morgan is 10-6 as a starter, with two losses to Notre Dame and one to Northwestern.

Senior Tom Brown filled in capably when injuries forced Morgan to miss parts of wins over BYU and Wyoming.

Air Force will miss explosive halfback Jake Campbell, but senior Nakia Addison returns at fullback. Addison missed the first three games in 1995 with Graves' disease but gained 108 yards on 10 carries against Notre Dame. Senior Craig Tanner started when Addison was out.

Junior Tobin Ruff and senior Todd Eilers will have the first shots at the two halfback positions. Ruff collected 81 yards on five carries against Wyoming. Eilers registered 117 yards on nine attempts against Fresno State when Campbell



Beau Morgan

was injured. Former wide receiver Marc Ranger, a senior, also could fit in.

Air Force wide receivers — only one appears in the starting lineup — will never produce big numbers, but they're effective. Campbell was actually the team's top pass catcher last season, but Ranger grabbed 15 aeriels. Watch also for senior Marcus Alexander, the WAC indoor 400-meters champion.

With the Falcons' top two tight ends having graduated, the main contender is junior Rory Rosenbach, who moved from the defensive line last season and caught one pass.

DeBerry calls the offensive line a "building situation" with only senior left guard Carlton Hendrix returning as a starter. Hendrix was credited

with 30 knockdown blocks in two games last fall. The Falcons will have a new center for the third straight year, but senior Mike Zeman and junior Nathan Faber are both able. Either could move to tackle, allowing both to play.

Junior Charles Parks needs to produce at tackle after missing most of last season. Senior Donald Leary and sophomore Frank Mindrup also will compete. Junior Brad Hutt backed up departed All-WAC guard Bret Cillessen last year, when Air Force was fourth in the WAC in total offense.

The Falcons return all three starters on the defensive line, led by senior tackle Cameron Curry, a second-team All-WAC pick. Curry tied for the team lead with six sacks. Senior nose guard Chris Schweighardt also made six sacks, while playing most of the year with a cast on his hand. Senior tackle Jamie Maunz added two sacks. Juniors Scott Chandler and Timothy Schumacher also got a look at tackle this spring.

Air Force coaches have had success moving players to different positions on defense. Last year, Mark DeRock was shifted from nose guard to outside linebacker. This year's prime "move" is senior Alex Pupich, a former tight end who played defensive tackle last year and is now at outside linebacker. Junior Steve Fernandez, who tallied 16 tackles against Notre Dame and 39 stops during a three-game stretch, could move from inside to outside.

Senior Lee Guthrie returns inside, and juniors Sean Finnan and Jeffrey Mohr also could start.

"Where we're hurting is in our secondary," DeBerry says. That's because cornerback Michael Dalton is the only returning starter. Gone are cornerback Kelvin King (11 career interceptions) and safeties LeRon Hudgins and Sam Ransom.

Junior Frank Staine-Pyne should move into the strong cornerback position, while junior Jamie Rhone and senior Michael Walker also will play. Senior Brian Mulloy, junior Stephen Pipes and sophomore Jason Sanderson will have their chances at the safeties.

Junior placekicker Dallas Thompson struggled in the Copper Bowl, but DeBerry liked the way he kicked in the last three regular-season games. Steve Carr graduated after averaging 43.2 yards a punt; junior Melvin Whatley could step in.

King and Campbell were the primary return men last season. Their replacements could be a combination of Dalton, Ranger and Ruff.

The key attribute in Air Force's kicking game is the Falcons' ability to block kicks. The team has averaged five blocks a season during the '90s.

Morgan's presence alone makes Air Force dangerous. He'll be exciting and productive again if the offensive line develops on schedule. Defense is still an issue. Although the Falcons were a respectable fifth in the WAC in total defense last season, they allowed 56 points by UTEP, 44 by Notre Dame and 55 by Texas Tech. Only if the secondary delivers can Air Force handle Pacific Division rivals San Diego State and Wyoming.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (3)

WR	Marcus Alexander (Sr., 3); Dustin Tyner (Sr., 1)
TE	Rory Rosenbach (Jr., 1); Ryan Quaal (Jr., 1)
LT	Charles Parks (Jr., 0); Shawn Tellers (Jr., 0)
LG	Carlton Hendrix (Sr., 2); Mark Kasayka (So., 0)
C	Mike Zeman (Sr., 2); Nathan Faber (Jr., 1)
RG	Brad Hutt (Jr., 1); Karl Falk (Jr., 0)
RT	Donald Leary (Sr., 1); Frank Mindrup (So., 0)
QB	Beau Morgan (Sr., 2); Tom Brown (Sr., 2)
LHB	Marc Ranger (Sr., 2); Tobin Ruff (Jr., 1)
RHB	Todd Eilers (Sr., 1); Jermal Singleton (So., 0)
FB	Nakia Addison (Sr., 3); Craig Tanner (Sr., 1)
PK	Dallas Thompson (Jr., 0)

### DEFENSE (5)

OLB	Alex Pupich (Sr., 2); Joe Suhajda (Sr., 2)
LT	Cameron Curry (Sr., 2); Michael Gargasz (Jr., 1)
ILB	Lee Guthrie (Sr., 1); Keith Enisor (Sr., 1)
NG	Chris Schweighardt (Sr., 2); Jason Verbeck (Jr., 0)
ILB	Sean Finnan (Jr., 1); Jeffrey Mohr (Jr., 1)
RT	Timothy Schumacher (Jr., 0); Chris Jones (Jr., 0)
OLB	Steve Fernandez (Jr., 2); Michael Tyler (So., 0)
LB	Stephen Pipes (Jr., 1); Abe Ebia (Jr., 0)
FS	Brian Mulloy (Sr., 1); Brandt House (Sr., 1)
SC	Frank Staine-Pyne (Jr., 1); John Stepien (So., 0)
WC	Michael Dalton (Sr., 1); Jamie Rhone (Jr., 2)
P	Melvin Whatley (Jr., 1)

(R) Indicates Returner or Returner Starting

BOLD INDICATES RETURNING STARTERS

NUMBER AFTER CLASS INDICATES LEAST YEARS



**Head Coach:** Steve Mariucci  
**1995 Record (Pac-Ten):** 3-8-0 (2-6-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 9th Pac-10

**F**our years ago, California hired a players' favorite, a man in his early 40s with no Division I head-coaching experience but with a reputation for advocating high-scoring football as a Pacific-10 offensive coordinator.

Unimpressed, Cal this year hired another players' favorite, a man in his early 40s with no Division I head-coaching experience but with a reputation for advocating high-scoring football as a Pac-10 offensive coordinator.

After successive records of 4-7 and 3-8, the Bears are hoping for better results this fall.

While their resumes are similar, former coach Keith Gilbertson's style bears little resemblance to that of his successor, Steve Mariucci. Gilbertson tried to bring out the best in his players by providing a relaxed atmosphere. In contrast, the intense Mariucci instituted a vigorous winter conditioning program that began at 6:30 a.m. and was mandatory for all players.

Says senior quarterback Pat Barnes: "At the team meeting, he said, 'You have two choices: A) you can go along with it, or, B) you can go along with it.'"

"We wanted to see who wants to work," Mariucci says. "It's a team concept. There's a certain work ethic we want to be a standard, and a certain conditioning level."

The Bears will have to dig deep to compensate for the loss of last season's two best players — defensive end Regan Upshaw and outside linebacker Duane Clemons — who left school a year early to become first-round NFL draft picks.

Former San Francisco player and coach Tom Holmoe was hired to install the 49ers' defense, a scheme Mariucci helped defeat as Green Bay Packer quarterbacks coach last season.

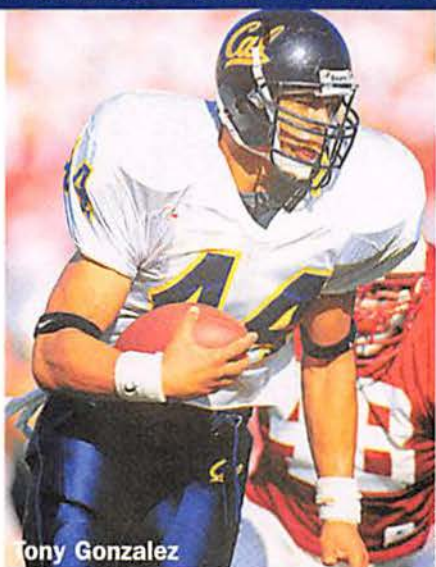
Mariucci's focus again will be on the offense, especially the quarterbacks. He'll install the short-passing West Coast offense and hopes to produce numbers similar to those Cal posted in 1991, when it scored more than 30 points per game and boasted a 1,000-yard rusher (Russell White) and a quarterback (Mike Pawlawski) who was Pac-10 Player of the Year. Mariucci was the Bears' offensive coordinator then.

Barnes has shown flashes of excellence. However, he also has hurt Cal in some games with questionable decisions. Barnes surrendered 10 interceptions in the first eight games last fall, often killing long drives. Encouragingly, he threw seven touchdown passes with just one interception over the final three games.

Candidates for backup include sophomore Trevor Thomson and senior Ziv Gottlieb.

The Bears return considerable speed in running backs Tarik Smith, a junior, and sophomore Brandon Willis, a high school sprinter who red-shirted last year. They'll split time the same way Russell White and Anthony Wallace did in 1990, when each rushed for more than 1,000 yards.

Senior fullback Johnny Tavake is back and should be pleased with the new system; he left the



team for a while last year because he was getting too few carries.

Senior wideout Na'il Benjamin can create opportunities after he catches the ball, and junior Bobby Shaw has exceptional hands. But the star of the Bears' receiving corps is tight end Tony Gonzalez. The 6-6 junior, who was a starting forward on Cal's NCAA Tournament basketball team last winter, finished the '95 grid campaign with a 10-catch effort against Stanford.

A significant problem area last season, the offensive line should be much improved. Huge (6-6, 345) senior tackle Tarik Glenn was a second-team all-conference pick in his first season on the offensive side of the ball. Senior Todd Stewart should be solid at the other tackle spot.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (7)

WR	4	Na'il Benjamin (Sr., 3); 6 Kofi Nartey (Jr., 2)
LT	77	Tarik Glenn (Sr., 2); 65 Brian Shields (Jr., 2)
LG	78	Drake Parker (Jr., 2); 66 Yaeger Williams (So., 1)
C	62	Jeremy Newberry (So., 1); 63 Caleb Brown (So., 1)
RG	4	John Webboom (So., 1); 76 Tate McCullister (So., 1)
RT	66	Todd Stewart (Sr., 3); 79 Kruken Sheridan (Jr., 2)
TE	44	Tony Gonzalez (Jr., 2); 5 Sean Bullard (Sr., 3)
QB	3	Bobby Shaw (Jr., 2); 26 Dameane Douglas (So., 1)
WR	18	Pat Barnes (Sr., 3); 14 Ziv Gottlieb (Sr., 2)
FB	19	Johnny Tavake (Sr., 3); 45 Brent Malili (Sr., 1)
TB	34	Trish Smith (Jr., 2); 2 Brandon Willis (So., 1)
PK	4	Ryan Longwell (Sr., 2)



**Head Coach:** Jeff Bower  
**1995 Record:** 6-5-0  
**1996 Pick:** 3rd C-USA

Of the six Conference USA football members, perhaps none is more excited about the new league than Southern Mississippi.

Tucked away in quaint Hattiesburg, Miss., (pop. 45,000), Southern Miss is the only school in the 12-member C-USA not located in a major metropolitan area. Five C-USA schools do not field football teams, while UAB is a Division I football independent.

Golden Eagles coach Jeff Bower excitedly stresses what C-USA could do for his program, one that enjoyed solid success and national respect as a major Southern independent.

"This is great for us," says Bower, 25-30-1, entering his sixth season in Hattiesburg, situated in the middle of a triangle formed by Jackson, Miss., New Orleans and Mobile, Ala. "You can sense the excitement about Conference USA. Southern Miss football will mean a bit more now. We'll be playing for a ring and a bowl trip."

Bower and his staff saw the impact of league affiliation last February, when they assembled a solid recruiting class. In fact, USA TODAY wrote a short piece about (and included a photo of) Southern Miss signees, and twins, Eric and Deric Scott. Yes, national publicity comes more readily when a school belongs to one of America's eight so-called equity conferences (ACC, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, C-USA, SEC, Pac-10 and WAC).

"We've already seen the impact," Bower says. "We need exposure and being a member of Conference USA will help tremendously. Nationally, we are looked upon more respectfully than we are at home. Now that the school is getting more media exposure, things will hopefully improve."

Interestingly, Southern Miss enters its first season sans independent status missing six players who were named to the first- or second-team preliminary C-USA All-Star Team and facing a brutal schedule (seven road games). The timing might be bad, but no one associated with the USM program, particularly Bower, is complaining.

At quarterback, junior Heath Graham has struggled somewhat, perhaps due to unfair comparisons to former Golden Eagle/current Green Bay Packer star Brett Favre. Still, Graham could blossom his final two seasons. Last fall, he connected on 161-of-329 passes (48.9 percent) for 1,816 yards, 15 touchdowns and 18 interceptions.

"Heath may have tried to force things," says Bower, acknowledging the Favre comparison factor. "He lost some confidence in the process. We've had talks with Heath about expectations, and he knows he needs to play within the offense."

Senior Chris Windsor received ample spring work and is ready if Graham falters.

Bower must replace Chris Buckhalter with a combination of junior tailbacks Eric Booth and Harold Shaw. Booth gained 457 yards on 95 carries (4.8 yards per carry), while Shaw added 295 yards on 87 carries (3.4). Senior Bradley Hamilton could start at fullback.

Southern Miss' top three returning receivers



Quentin Jackson

combined for a modest 51 receptions in 1995. Standout Fred Brock (624 yards, 14.9 yards per catch) is gone. Like the backfield, this is an area of concern. Senior Ryan Pearson (32 catches for 392 yards) is the top returnee. He will be supported by sophomore Eddie Shaw (11 catches, 129 yards), Harold's brother, and senior Kendrick Lee (eight catches, 117 yards), who missed spring work to focus on academics.

Junior tight end Terry Hardy totaled 83 yards on seven receptions.

On the line, senior left tackle Darryl Terrell made second-team All-C-USA. He will be joined by senior left guard Rod Ollison, senior center Leroy DeWitt, junior right guard Kasey Keith and junior right tackle Brandon Hambricht. Senior

center Will Symmes, senior guard Jason Barlow and sophomore right tackle O'Lester Pope are capable of starting.

Defensively, senior nose tackle Quentin Jackson (49 tackles) teams with senior tackle Jason Hall. Junior Kendall Dunn backs Jackson; freshman Quantrell Phillips supports Hall. The ends are senior Cedric Walthaw and junior Robert Brown, backed by senior Jeffrey Posey.

At linebacker, junior middleman Marchant Kenney tallied 93 tackles. Sophomore outside backer T.J. Slaughter (44 tackles, five for losses) gained valuable experience as a freshman. Junior Lytrel Pollard will toil opposite Slaughter.

Senior cornerback Rod Thomas (10 foiled pass attempts, 58 tackles) is steady. Senior strong safety Roy Stabler missed spring practice for disciplinary reasons but should be back. The other starting cornerback should be junior Patrick Surtain. Sophomore Larry Watts is the likely free safety.

Bower hopes senior Johnny Lomoro can handle both the placekicking and punting chores.

Junior Tyrone Bolware returned four kicks for a 23.0-yard average. Pearson was the team's primary punt returner (19 returns for a modest 5.1 yards per return), but Lee averaged an eye-catching 26.4 yards on five returns.

Bower says his team must execute more efficiently this fall. The fourth quarter specifically was troublesome for Southern Miss, which was outscored 60-45 in the final period and beaten on the road by Alabama and Indiana (both at the end of the game) by a combined five points early in the season and by East Carolina (36-34 in Game 8) on a last-second field goal. In contrast, the Golden Eagles outscored foes 72-42 in the first quarter and 77-55 in the second.

"A lack of execution hurt us," Bower says. "I can't boil it down to one play. Looking back, I don't know if we would change the calls we made at the time. We just did not make the plays."

The three losses demoralized the Golden Eagles, admits Bower, adding, "It was deflating, particularly after the East Carolina loss. You don't realize what a mental drain losing like that can be. But maybe we got a bit tougher mentally."

And with another daunting schedule, that mental toughness will be needed.

Since 1988, Southern Miss has posted five winning seasons and beaten, often on the road, non-C-USA teams such as Virginia Tech (twice), Mississippi State, Florida State, Alabama, Auburn (twice), Colorado State, Tulsa (twice) and LSU. Ron Cooper, coach of C-USA rival Louisville, respects the Golden Eagles' battling spirit.

"The Southern Miss kids will fight you for 60 minutes," Cooper says. "And if you beat them, you will not blow them out. They will hit you both on defense and offense."

Still, with the many personnel losses and tough road games (Georgia, Alabama, Louisville, East Carolina and Florida State), the Golden Eagles will be lucky to equal last season's 6-5 mark.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (9)

WR	25	Eddie Shaw (So., 1); 82 Terry Carter (Jr., 1)
LT	52	Darryl Terrell (Sr., 1); 73 Jeremy Lindley (Jr., 0)
LG	77	Rod Ollison (Sr., 3); 69 Cole Green (Jr., 2)
C	54	Leroy DeWitt (Sr., 1); 56 Will Symmes (Sr., 3)
RG	74	Kasey Keith (Jr., 2); 53 Jason Barlow (Sr., 2)
TE	76	Brandon Hambricht (Jr., 1); 65 O'Lester Pope (So., 1)
RT	88	Terry Hardy (Jr., 2); 83 Larry Norton (Sr., 3)
FL	81	Ryan Pearson (Sr., 3); 17 Sedrick Neloms (So., 0)
QB	6	Heath Graham (Jr., 2); 9 Chris Windsor (Sr., 1)
FB	31	Bradley Hamilton (Sr., 2); 42 Tyrone Bolware (Jr., 2)
TB	14	Harold Shaw (Jr., 2); 26 Eric Booth (Jr., 2)
PK	1	Johnny Lomoro (Sr., 3)

### DEFENSE (6)

DE	48	Robert Brown (Jr., 2); 55 Jeffrey Posey (Sr., 1)
NT	90	Quentin Jackson (Sr., 2); 95 Kendall Dunn (Jr., 2)
DT	92	Jason Hall (Sr., 2); 96 Quantrell Phillips (Fr., 0)
DE	57	Cedric Walthaw (Sr., 3); Adalius Thomas (Fr., 0)
OLB	21	Lytrel Pollard (Jr., 2); 59 Bryan Burns (Sr., 3)
MLB	43	Marchant Kenney (Jr., 2); Royal Bell (Fr., 0)
OLB	34	T.J. Slaughter (So., 1); P.T. Jones (Fr., 0)
CB	3	Rod Thomas (Sr., 3); 2 Nicky Seymour (Sr., 3)
SS	20	Roy Stabler (Sr., 3); 9 Jamaal Alexander (Jr., 2)
FS	13	Larry Watts (So., 1); 9 Jamaal Alexander (Jr., 2)
CB	15	Patrick Surtain (Jr., 2); 17 Jacques Gordon (So., 0)
P	1	Johnny Lomoro (Sr., 3)

(If necessary, number of returning starters  
 listed in parentheses)  
 \*Numbers in parentheses indicate transfers  
 \*Numbers in parentheses indicate letters won



**Head Coach:** Dan McCarney  
**1995 Record (Big Eight):** 3-8-0 (1-6-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 5th Big 12 North

**D**an McCarney has no illusions about the task he faces in his second season as Iowa State's head coach.

The Cyclones ranked No. 108 out of 108 Division I-A teams in rushing defense last season. They also ranked No. 100 in scoring defense and No. 95 in total defense. They could improve those rankings significantly and still not succeed.

To make matters worse, the only conference team Iowa State defeated last season, Oklahoma State, will be in the Southern Division of the Big 12, with the Cyclones in the Northern. The Cowboys are, however, among Iowa State's three interdivisional opponents, though neither figures to challenge for a division title.

McCarney's first season included an element of the sublime as well as the ridiculous. Tailback Troy Davis rushed for more yards (2,010) than any other sophomore in NCAA Division I-A history. On the strength of his performance, almost exclusively, the Cyclones ranked ninth nationally in rushing offense.

Barring injuries or the unexpected, the first name of Iowa State's No. 1 quarterback will be Todd. The question is, will it be senior Todd Doxzon or sophomore Todd Bandhauer?

Doxzon was hampered by an ankle injury last season that sidelined him for five games. He completed 58-of-100 passes for 730 yards and four touchdowns, with four interceptions. Doxzon, whose strength is running the option, came off the bench in the season finale against Missouri to complete 13-of-16 passes for 154 yards and two TDs, and rush for 47 yards and another score.

To describe the performance of Davis as "extraordinary" would be an understatement. He was only the fifth NCAA Division I-A player to rush for 2,000 yards in a season. He was an All-American on a team that finished 3-8 overall and tied for last in the Big Eight at 1-6. And he was a Heisman Trophy finalist. He is the only 2,000-yard rusher ever not to win the Heisman Trophy.

"Davis is one of those special guys," Nebraska defensive coordinator Charlie McBride says. "He has great vision and can see things develop."

Davis will be joined by his brother Darren, a prize freshman recruit with 4.4 speed in the 40-yard dash. Troy and Darren might even line up in the same backfield.

Like Troy, Darren is "a sensational football player, big-time, outstanding," McCarney said after Darren signed a letter of intent during his senior year at Southridge High in Miami. "I have no reservations that he'll make a major impact at Iowa State." McCarney expects the younger Davis' impact to be immediate.

Senior Rodney Guggenheim has been a starter at fullback for three years.

Junior flanker Ed Williams is the only wide receiver with significant experience. He led the Cyclones in receiving last season, with 46 catches for 639 yards and seven touchdowns to earn all-conference honorable mention.



Troy Davis

Among other wideout candidates are juniors Gerrick Bivens, Jerome Henry and Tom Radke.

Senior Dennis DiBiase, who caught 12 passes for 94 yards and two touchdowns, is the returning starter at tight end.

Four starters in the offensive interior that helped open holes for Davis return, including tackle Tim Kohn and center Pat Augafa. Both seniors weigh in at 300-plus pounds. Augafa, after transferring from Ricks Junior College, was named the Big Eight's non-freshman Offensive Newcomer of the Year by the conference coaches.

Senior Doug Easley has starting experience at one guard, and junior Matt Rahfeldt a part-time starter at the other.

Junior Kurt Levetzow is the top candidate to be

the other starting tackle. He has ability but little experience. Eugene Barnal, a transfer from Los Angeles Valley College, could help immediately.

Only two starters return among the defensive linemen: junior tackles Rudy Ruffolo and Greg Schoon. Ruffolo had 88 tackles and three sacks. Schoon racked up seven tackles for loss and forced two fumbles.

Sophomores Chin Achebe and Mike Hansen are listed 1-2 at right end, with redshirt freshmen Joe Cominsky and Jack Mitchell competing on the left.

Junior Michael Cooper, who started for two seasons at inside linebacker and was third on the team in tackles last season with 108, was moved to outside linebacker during the spring. Cooper's move could leave Iowa State with only one experienced inside linebacker: senior Tim Sanders, who has made 216 tackles the past two seasons. Among the other candidates are junior Derrik Clark, redshirt freshmen Dave Brcka and Jason Weite, and sophomores Andre Lee and Kipwana "Kip" King.

The Cyclones must get bigger and stronger up front to deal with Big 12 caliber-type running attacks, McCarney says. He is looking, in particular, for bigger inside linebackers.

"We will be lining up with linebackers who are in the 230- to 240-pound class, giving us a better chance to stop the run," McCarney says.

The secondary is the most experienced area of the defense, with three returning starters. Senior free safety Mike Lincavage was second on the team in tackles last season with 109. Senior Jason Brown, his backup, also has started. The top candidates at strong safety are junior Tracy Williams and senior Kelvin Moore.

Junior Kevin Hudson and sophomore Dawan Anderson are returning starters at cornerback. Anderson started every game, breaking up 15 passes and intercepting two. Hudson started the first six games before being sidelined for three games by injury. Their backups, sophomores Michael O'Brien and Kevin Wilson, have earned letters.

Sophomore Jamie Kohl placekicked as a true freshman and made good on 10-of-17 field-goal attempts. Senior punter Marc Harris enters his final collegiate season with the best career average in Cyclones history: 41.2 yards per punt.

Wilson, Iowa State's top punt and kickoff returner, ranked fourth in the Big Eight with a 19.3-yard average on 23 kickoff returns.

The massive overhaul necessary to put Iowa State in contention in the Big 12 Northern Division won't be accomplished in one season. The Cyclones will play on natural grass and have a new athletic facility, evidence of the school's commitment to McCarney. In addition, Iowa State fans are uniquely supportive. Attendance was up 2,000 per game in '95. With Davis back carrying the ball, the Cyclones will be entertaining, if not entirely successful.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (8)

WR	83	Gerrick Bivens (Jr., 0); 80 Jerome Henry (Jr., 0)
LT	77	Tim Kohn (Sr., 3); 51 Oliver Ross (Sr., 0)
LG	75	Matt Rahfeldt (Jr., 2); 79 Charlie Bogwill (So., 0)
C	65	Patrick Augafa (Sr., 1); 67 Paul Skarvedt (Sr., 2)
RG	66	Doug Easley (Sr., 1); 68 Eddie Shufford (Jr., 0)
RT	71	Kurt Levetzow (Jr., 0); 52 Chris Brunsvold (So., 0)
TE	87	Dennis DiBiase (Sr., 2); 89 Damian Gibson (So., 1)
FL	81	Ed Williams (Jr., 2); 85 Tom Radke (Jr., 1)
QB	7	Todd Doxzon (Sr., 3); 17 Todd Bandhauer (So., 1)
TB	28	Troy Davis (Jr., 2); 6 Graston Norris (Sr., 3)
FB	22	Rodney Guggenheim (Sr., 3); 42 Joe Parmentier (So., 1)
PK	45	Jamie Kohl (So., 0)

### DEFENSE (8)

LE	62	Joe Cominsky (Fr., 0); 74 Jack Mitchell (Fr., 0)
LT	97	Rudy Ruffolo (Jr., 1); 72 Bill Marsau (Fr., 0)
RT	90	Greg Schoon (Jr., 1); 55 Terry Thomas (Fr., 0)
RE	26	Chin Achebe (So., 1); 86 Mike Hansen (So., 1)
OLB	38	Michael Cooper (Jr., 2); 49 Brandon Rutledge (Fr., 0)
ILB	48	Dave Brcka (Fr., 0); 54 Andre Lee (So., 0)
ILB	40	Tim Sanders (Sr., 3); 11 Derrik Clark (Jr., 0)
LCB	14	Dawan Anderson (So., 1); 25 Kevin Wilson (So., 1)
RCB	13	Kevin Hudson (Jr., 1); 37 Michael O'Brien (So., 1)
SS	31	Tracy Williams (Jr., 1); 2 Kelvin Moore (Sr., 1)
FS	20	Mike Lincavage (Sr., 3); 23 Jason Brown (Sr., 2)
P	16	Marc Harris (Sr., 2)

(R) Indicates Rookie or Redshirt Freshman  
 BOLD indicates returning starters  
 NUMBER After QUOTE indicates letters won



**Head Coach:** Dan Henning  
**1995 Record (Big East):** 4-8-0 (4-3-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 5th Big East

**F**or openers, Boston College's schedule is a lot more exotic than last year's. Easier, too.

A year ago, the Eagles visited the swamps of the New Jersey Meadowlands to play Ohio State in the Kickoff Classic and suffered a 38-6 pasting from which they never recovered.

This time, they travel 5,095 miles to the beaches of Honolulu to meet the University of Hawaii, like the Eagles coming off a 4-8 season. The game matches the easternmost and westernmost Division I-A programs in the country.

"It appears at the outset that the schedule could be a little less formidable than last year," says coach Dan Henning.

After the opener, though, things look similar, with Big East co-champion Virginia Tech and Michigan on tap again. Other non-conference foes are Navy, Cincinnati and Notre Dame.

"You have to be aware that Navy turned the corner last year and did an outstanding job under a new coach," Henning says. "The University of Cincinnati cannot ever be taken lightly. Last year, they shut out the Sugar Bowl champion Virginia Tech team in Blacksburg." Notre Dame, of course, is Notre Dame.

Henning will go into battle with 42 lettermen, a realigned coaching staff and a new defensive look — but without quarterback Mark Hartsell, who decided to forego his final year of eligibility.

The new defensive coordinator is Phil Elmassian, who coached at Syracuse and Virginia Tech.

"We will play a new scheme of defense," Henning says. "Basically, it will be an eight-man front with multiple looks."

Henning hopes eight will be enough up front. Boston College was last in the Big East in rushing defense, yielding 194.8 yards a game.

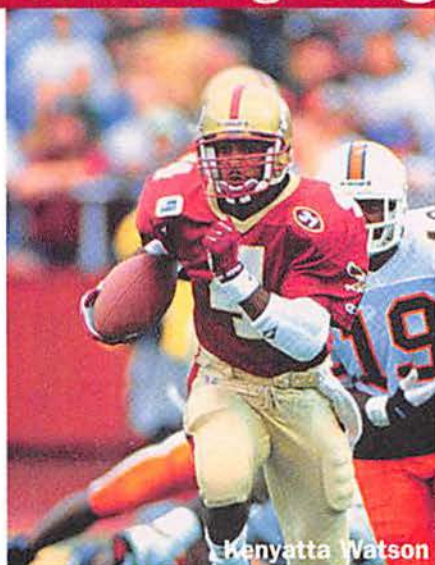
Hartsell, who graduated in May with a degree in marketing, produced two remarkably similar years: 1,864 passing yards and 13 touchdowns in 1994, 1,888 yards and 12 TDs last year.

The Eagles still have two experienced quarterbacks: junior Matt Hasselbeck, the main backup last fall with one start, and sophomore Scott Mutryn, who started once in 1994 as a true freshman but redshirted last season. Hasselbeck threw 60 passes last year, completing 27 for two touchdowns and a whopping seven interceptions.

Battling at the running back position are junior Omari Walker and sophomore Mike Cloud. Walker has been the Eagles' short-yardage specialist the last two years with 15 touchdowns. In 1995, he rushed for 538 yards and a 4.3 average.

Cloud led the team with 626 yards and led the Big East with a 6.1 - yards-per-carry average. He missed spring practice with an injury as did 250-pound redshirt freshman Malcolm Williams.

Senior wide receiver Kenyatta Watson is coming off an injury-plagued season that limited him to 25 catches for 263 yards. Junior Steve Everson was the top pass-catcher with 42 receptions for 557 yards. He missed the spring following shoulder surgery.



Kenyatta Watson

Sophomores Brandon King (29 for 349) and Dennis Harding (28 for 263) had productive freshman seasons. Redshirt freshman Anthony DiCosmo impressed the staff with his quickness and pass-catching ability last year as a member of the scout team.

The tight end/H-back position has been a traditional strong suit for the Eagles, producing the team's leading receivers from 1989-94. All four who lettered last year are back. Junior Todd Pollack caught 25 passes for 182 yards and five touchdowns. Junior Scott Dragos had 14 receptions, junior Michael Hemmert caught 12 and sophomore Rob Tardio had one.

The offensive line returns three starters in senior guard Mark Nori, senior tackle Dan

Oriskovich and sophomore guard Doug Brzezinski. Nori and Oriskovich have been fixtures in the line for three years, and Brzezinski was impressive last season in his varsity debut.

Replacements must emerge for all-star tackle Pete Kendall and center Tim O'Brien. Barring a move by Oriskovich, sophomore Jonathan Miles is the leading candidate at Kendall's tackle spot, but redshirt freshman Darnell Alford and sophomore transfer Noah LaRose will contend as well. Redshirt freshman Damien Woody and junior John Hostetler are listed 1-2 at center.

While adjusting to the new defensive alignment, the Eagles must replace All-Big East nose guard Tim Morabito and tackle Chris Sullivan.

Last year's starting ends, seniors Stalin Colinet and Nick Gianacacos, are now at tackle and nose guard, respectively. Sophomores Erik Storz and Willie Wright take over at the ends.

Seniors John Coleman, who was Morabito's chief backup for three years, and Rupert English, sophomore Greg Fisher and redshirt freshman Mike Willets provide depth up front, where converted linebacker Andy Krauza could also see action.

Junior Brian Maye and sophomores Bobby Edmonds and Jermaine Monk took turns at middle linebacker last year as a string of injuries caused constant change. Maye underwent knee surgery and missed spring practice, but should be ready for the season.

Seniors Matt Haff, who had a team-high 94 tackles, and Rupert English, junior Markell Blount and sophomore Donovan Yarbrough all saw plenty of action at linebacker in '95.

Two starters return to the secondary, and one is an All-America candidate, senior Daryl Porter. Last year, Porter made 74 tackles, intercepted a pass and broke up 13 more. The other holdover is sophomore Kiernan Speight, who stepped into the starting lineup in the second game of 1995.

The Eagles must replace both starting safeties. Porter moves from cornerback to fill one of the vacancies, with junior Charlie Smith and sophomore Billy Gustin the leading candidates for the other. Gustin was the team's nickel back and a three-game starter in 1995. The cornerbacks are Speight and redshirt freshman Tim Davis.

Jason Malecki took over the punting duties as a true freshman and averaged 39.5 yards. No current Eagle has attempted a placekick in a game. The top contenders are junior Chris Hackett and redshirt freshman John Matich.

Watson is one of the best return men in college football. Last year, he averaged 14.4 yards on punt returns, seventh nationally. Two went for touchdowns: 84 yards against West Virginia and 63 yards against Rutgers. He is the first BC player with two punt-return touchdowns since NFL star Kelvin Martin in 1984. Watson is also a gifted kickoff returner (21.1-yard average last fall).

Boston College defeated Big East co-champ Virginia Tech a year ago, but another middle-of-the-pack finish probably is in store.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (8)

WR	4	Kenyatta Watson (Sr., 3); 18 Dennis Harding (So., 1)
LTE	89	Todd Pollack (Jr., 2); 16 Rob Tardio (So., 1)
LT	70	Dan Oriskovich (Sr., 3); 64 Noah LaRose (So., 0)
LG	74	Doug Brzezinski (So., 1); 60 Andy Mitcham (So., 0)
C	63	Damien Woody (Fr., 0); 79 John Hostetler (Jr., 2)
RG	71	Mark Nori (Sr., 3); 72 Butch Palaza (Fr., 0)
RT	61	Jonathan Miles (So., 1); 76 Darnell Alford (Fr., 0)
RTE	83	Scott Dragos (Jr., 2); 91 Michael Hemmert (Jr., 1)
WR	1	Steve Everson (Jr., 2); 29 Brandon King (So., 0)
QB	7	Matt Hasselbeck (Jr., 2); 12 Scott Mutryn (So., 1)
RB	33	Omari Walker (Jr., 2); 21 Mike Cloud (So., 1)
PK	23	John Matich (Fr., 0)

### DEFENSE (5)

DE	51	Erik Storz (So., 2); 24 Rupert English (Sr., 2)
NG	92	Nick Gianacacos (Sr., 3); 98 Mike Willets (Fr., 0)
DT	99	Stalin Colinet (Sr., 3); 73 John Coleman (Sr., 2)
DE	13	Willie Wright (So., 1); 94 Greg Fisher (So., 0)
MLB	46	Brian Maye (Jr., 2); 56 Jermaine Monk (So., 1)
RLB	57	Matt Haff (Sr., 2); 37 Bill Varrichio (Jr., 2)
SLB	24	Rupert English (Sr., 2); 39 Craig Genuello (Jr., 0)
LCB	27	Tim Davis (Fr., 0); 30 Pat Phelts (Fr., 0)
S	44	Daryl Porter (Sr., 2); 15 Billy Gustin (So., 1)
S	38	Charlie Smith (Jr., 0); 15 Billy Gustin (So., 1)
RCB	25	Kiernan Speight (So., 1); 39 Paul Cary (Jr., 0)
P	43	Jason Malecki (So., 1)

(R) Indicates former or returning starters.  
 (S) Indicates returning starters.  
 (F) Indicates first-year players.



**Head Coach:** Jackie Sherrill  
**1995 Record (SEC):** 3-8-0 (1-7-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 5th SEC West

**W**hen a head football coach decides to make switches at his offensive and defensive coordinator positions, it is sometimes viewed as the last act of a desperate man wanting to keep his job.

For Mississippi State coach Jackie Sherrill, one of college football's most consistent winners in his 18 seasons, changing coordinators was a matter of chemistry as well as results.

The Bulldogs finished last in the Southeastern Conference in total defense, rushing defense and passing-efficiency defense, and second-to-last in scoring defense. Mississippi State's 3-8 season was Sherrill's worst record since 1976 at Washington State, his first year as a head coach.

"It's just chemistry; it's a feel you have that you have to make changes," says Sherrill.

In choosing his coordinators, Sherrill selected one coach (Lynn Amedee) who had furnished him with offensive results at Texas A&M, and another (Joe Lee Dunn) whose defenses at Arkansas he dreaded.

In recent years, Dunn revamped defenses at South Carolina, Memphis, Ole Miss and last season at Arkansas, when the Razorbacks' vastly improved turnover ratio was a reason why the Hogs won the Western Division.

"We (Mississippi State) were last in just about every defensive category in '95, but the kids have a lot of pride in themselves," Dunn says. "I'm not the one that's going to fix it. They are the ones with the attitude to do it."

Better defensive play awaits. After Dunn's pre-season drills in the August heat, Bulldog defenders will feel they can handle any challenge.

Amedee may have the longest resume of any college coach in America. In his 30-year career, he has coached in two pro leagues, at 10 colleges (including his alma mater, LSU, twice) and at four Louisiana high schools.

"With seven starters back, we've been able to adapt to our multiple offense schemes very quickly," Amedee says.

Senior quarterback Derrick Taite had four of the SEC's 10 longest passes last year, including three plays of 80 yards or more.

But Taite (2,241 yards and 16 touchdowns in 1995) struggles against quality defenses. It's likely that Amedee will find a way to take advantage of Taite's natural offensive skills.

Taite broke his left (non-throwing) wrist last winter falling on ice and wasn't supposed to have participated in spring contact. But Amedee said that Taite "didn't miss a beat," playing in all scrimmages while wearing a cast.

The top three backs return, highlighted by durable junior Keffer McGee, the SEC's fourth-leading rusher with 1,072 yards on 235 attempts. An outstanding all-around back, McGee totaled 27 catches (more than any other 1,000-yard SEC rusher) for 295 yards. Junior fullback Nakia Greer also is back after gaining 199 yards a year ago.



Dwayne Curry

Junior Cameron Floyd and sophomore Jeremy Jones made only two catches between them last season. Lamont Woodberry, a highly rated junior college signer; junior Michael Brown; and sophomore Lahitia Grant are certain to make their moves in fall camp.

Sophomore tight ends John Jennings and Reginald Kelly are experienced.

There is much beef up front, led by the senior trio of left tackle Brent Smith, left guard Brad Ainsworth and right guard Henry McCann. Fifth-year senior Dan Hoover has long toiled as a reserve center and is ready to assume the starting role. The right tackle will likely be junior Robert Hicks.

The defensive line features modest depth, but

senior tackles Terry Day and Michael Lindsey, and junior James Grier all have starting experience. Junior nose tackle Eric Dotson hits with 327-pound force. Ends who came to the fore in the spring were juniors Gregory Favors and Dereck Rush.

Grier, who Dunn says enjoyed an eye-popping spring, tallied 63 tackles last season. Day added 38. Dotson, turned loose in Dunn's no-holds-barred defense, could explode this fall.

Dunn is known for having helped produce some excellent linebackers. Now the hard-driving coach has another fine one in Starkville. Senior Dwayne Curry, a two-time All-SEC selection, led the Bulldogs last season in tackles (113) for the second straight year. Curry's running mate is underrated senior Paul Lacoste, who made 87 stops.

Perhaps Sherrill's greatest disappointment last

**After Dunn's preseason conditioning drills in the August heat, Bulldog defenders will feel they can handle any challenge.**

season was the play of his secondary. State ranked 11th in the SEC in takeaways.

Sherrill is hopeful that some of his young talent, sophomore free safety Anthony Derricks in particular, will satisfy the need for speed. Sophomore strong safety Eric Daniel and junior cornerback Izell McGill (43) could be joined by sophomore cornerback Chauncey McGee.

Sophomore Brian Hazelwood made 4-of-5 field-goal attempts.

Senior Andy Russ (41.4-yard average) helped State rank second in the SEC and 13th nationally in net punting.

Slippery junior Robert Isaac appears to be the prime kick-return man. Isaac may see some punt-return duty also.

Mississippi State's football program was hit with a one-year NCAA probation (it began in February) for rules violations. No bowl or TV sanctions were imposed.

The Bulldogs went to three bowls in Sherrill's first four years before last season's flop. With the improvement of Western Division rivals Arkansas and LSU to bowl-level teams last year, State has to improve pronto. That's why Sherrill hired familiar hands as his coordinators. He wants results and he wants them now. And Amedee and Dunn should provide them, particularly Dunn, who works his defensive magic wherever he goes.

Players love playing for Dunn and it shows with their effort. Last in the SEC in 1995 in turnovers created (five), State needs that effort. And Amedee needs to free up Taite, allowing him to roam a bit and create big plays. If the Bulldogs stay free from injury, especially along the defensive line, a 7-4 or 8-3 season is not out of the question.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (7)

SE	28	Jeremy Jones (So., 1); 4 Lahitia Grant (So., 1)
TE	81	John Jennings (So., 1); 89 Reginald Kelly (So., 1)
OT	79	Brent Smith (Sr., 3); 67 Sam Baker (Jr., 2)
OG	59	Brad Ainsworth (Sr., 2); 60 Burt Ashley (Jr., 2)
C	57	Dan Hoover (Sr., 3); 53 Eric Allen (So., 1)
OG	52	Henry McCann (Sr., 3); 69 Stoney Price (So., 1)
OT	76	Robert Hicks (Jr., 2); 74 Paul Mooney (Fr., 0)
FL	16	Cameron Floyd (Jr., 2); 9 Michael Brown (Jr., 2)
QB	12	Derrick Taite (Sr., 3); 18 Rob Morgan (Fr., 0)
TB	21	Keffer McGee (Jr., 2); 36 Robert Isaac (Jr., 2)
FB	31	Nakia Greer (Jr., 2); 39 Dennis McKinley (So., 1)
PK	15	Brian Hazelwood (So., 1)

### DEFENSE (6)

DE	56	Gregory Favors (Jr., 2); 58 Kenneth Knotts (So., 1)
DT	41	Michael Lindsey (Sr., 3); 90 James Grier (Jr., 2)
NT	98	Eric Dotson (Jr., 1); 99 Kenwynne Smith (So., 1)
DT	94	Terry Day (Sr., 1); 96 Raymond Gee (Sr., 1)
DE	50	Dereck Rush (Jr., 0); 40 Cornell Menafee (Fr., 0)
LB	44	Dwayne Curry (Sr., 3); 45 Henry Ellis (Sr., 1)
LB	20	Paul Lacoste (Sr., 3); 46 Larry Campbell (So., 1)
CB	23	Izell McGill (Jr., 2); 37 Chester Lewis (So., 1)
SS	5	Eric Daniel (So., 1); 13 Jimmy Lipscomb (Sr., 3)
FS	26	Anthony Derricks (So., 1); 24 Kendall Roberson (Fr., 0)
CB	23	Chauncey McGee (So., 1); 29 Omar Henderson (So., 1)
P	22	Andy Russ (Sr., 3)

(By Norcross Report or Reviewed Sources)  
 BOLD indicates returning starters  
 NUMBER Area Class Record Letter Win



**Head Coach:**

**1995 Record (WAC):**

**1996 Pick:**

**Jim Sweeney**

5-7-0 (2-6-0)

4th WAC Pacific

**J**im Sweeney has recovered nicely from his latest misfortune and can only hope his Fresno State Bulldogs can do the same.

In March, Sweeney, who turns 67 on Sept. 1, smashed his car into a flatbed truck that had broken down in the middle of a highway late at night and had no lights operating. The venerable coach escaped with a fractured right leg and kneecap (his wife also sustained non-life-threatening injuries), and underwent major surgery of one kind or another for the seventh time in six years.

After a string of 12 winning seasons, the Bulldogs are trying to rebound from a two-year skid that saw them go 5-7-1 in 1994 and 5-7 last year, including 2-6 and a seventh-place tie in the Western Athletic Conference.

"I think the major goal is to establish pride in the program — pride in being a Bulldog football player," says Sweeney, who has been a head coach for 31 years (18 at Fresno State) and needs four victories to reach the 200-win mark. "I think we've lost that to a certain degree."

"Our critics are of an opinion that we don't play with the same emotion that we are accustomed to. I am fully in agreement."

The Bulldogs return seven starters on offense, eight on defense and both kicking specialists.

Under new defensive coordinator Robin Ross, the 4-3 scheme tried last year will be shelved and a multiple defensive set reinstated.

"My hope is that we catch on early and become a more effective team defensively than we've been in the past couple of years," Sweeney says.

Fresno State will play in the Pacific Division of the expanded WAC, along with Air Force, Colorado State, Hawaii, San Diego State, San Jose State, UNLV and Wyoming.

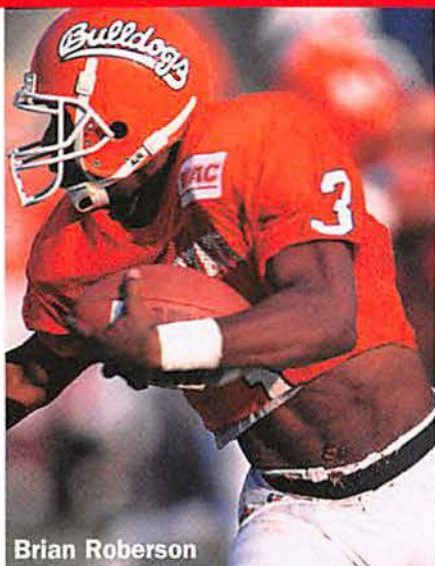
A pair of senior quarterbacks who shared starting duties last year return. Jim Arellanes, who started three of the last four games, finished seventh nationally in passing efficiency. Richie Donati started eight times but ended the spring where he ended the fall: behind Arellanes, whom Sweeney considers a bona fide pro prospect.

The duo directed an offense that finished ninth nationally in passing (290.3 yards per game) and 10th in total offense (456.6) while combining for 3,429 passing yards and 25 touchdowns. Arellanes totaled 1,539 yards and 13 TDs. Donati is more an option quarterback but has passed for 4,144 yards during the past two seasons, more than any other WAC quarterback.

Junior tailback Michael Pittman and senior Morell Ollis saw their 1995 seasons cut short by injuries, Pittman for the second straight year. Pittman has collected 828 yards and seven touchdowns in his career.

The Bulldogs signed junior college All-American Michael Gray, who rushed for 1,923 yards and 33 TDs last fall at Bakersfield College, and he could win the job.

Both of last year's fullbacks are gone, opening the door for junior Robert Jenkins and sopho-



more Jaime Kimbrough. Jenkins rushed for 1,675 yards and scored 25 touchdowns during his junior college career.

The wings traditionally have been a talent-rich area for the Bulldogs, but senior wideout Brian Roberson (110 career receptions) heads a relatively inexperienced group that was hit hard by graduation. The Bulldogs must overcome the loss of Charlie Jones, the school's career leader in receptions, receiving yards and touchdown catches, and Jahine Arnold. The two combined for 125 receptions last fall.

Sophomore Anthony Tucker stands out among a host of returning young receivers, and the Bulldogs have two junior college transfers, 1994 All-American Greg Minnatee and Randi Bishop.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (7)

WR	19	Anthony Tucker (So., 0); 18 Randi Bishop (Jr., 0)
LT	78	Chris Conrad (Jr., 2); 72 Curtis Jones (Jr., 0)
LG	61	<b>Michael Carr (Jr., 2); 62 Ken Foersch (So., 1)</b>
C	58	<b>Gary Osmund (Sr., 3); 60 Steve Zirnite (Fr., 0)</b>
RG	75	Chris Lee (Jr., 0); 76 Scott Mueller (Sr., 3)
RT	74	<b>Allen Weathers (Sr., 1); 79 Todd Koenig (Sr., 3)</b>
TE	46	<b>Warren Fortler (Jr., 2); 88 O'Shea Neo (Sr., 2)</b>
QB	16	Jim Arellanes (Jr., 1); <b>10 Richie Donati (Sr., 3)</b>
TB	4	<b>Michael Pittman (Jr., 2); 1 Morell Ollis (Sr., 1)</b>
FB	33	Robert Jenkins (Jr., 0); 25 Jaime Kimbrough (So., 0)
WR	3	<b>Brian Robertson (Sr., 3); 6 Ty Mann (So., 0)</b>
PK	18	Johan Lyssand (Jr., 2)

**DEFENSE (8)**

LE	99	Melissa Scanlon (Sr., 0); 91 Shatony Sargeant (Sr., 3)
LT	93	Bryan Robinson (Sr., 1); 68 Jerry Lakson (So., 0)
NT	95	Lumumba Neal (Sr., 1); 98 Lee Pamela (Sr., 1)
RE	55	Leroy Colbert (Sr., 3); 96 Danny Williams (Sr., 3)
SLB	59	Kevin Adams (So., 1); 40 Bobby Brooks (Jr., 1)
MLB	50	Ryan Holmes (Jr., 2); 45 DeMarco Ford (Sr., 1)
WLB	17	Chris Love (Jr., 2); 52 A.J. Gass (Jr., 1)
LC	7	Steve Wilson (Sr., 1); 31 Antonio Pratt (Jr., 2)
SS	5	Omar Stoutmire (Sr., 3); 26 Bernard Finley (Jr., 1)
FS	48	Cory Hall (So., 1); 2 Rio Wells (Sr., 3)
RC	23	Marlyn Jackson (Jr., 2); 22 Woody Green (Jr., 2)
P	35	Jeff Roberts (So., 1)

**BOLD** indicates returning starters  
 \*INDICATES JUNE 7 AND 14 STARTING LINE-UPS

Junior tight end Warren Fortier leads a group that includes two other lettermen. Last year, Fortier caught 10 passes for 111 yards and two touchdowns. Senior O'Shea Nero and sophomore Scott Thompson also have experience.

The front wall should be a team strength as the Bulldogs return eight lettermen, including four players who saw significant playing time.

Heading the cadre is senior center Gary Osmondson. He is joined by junior Chris Conrad and senior Allen Weathers at tackle, and junior Michael Carr at guard. Junior college transfer Chris Lee probably will man the other guard spot.

Sweeney expects the defensive front to be "vastly improved." Back are three players who combined for 30 starts in '95 — senior tackles Bryan Robinson and Lumumba Neal, and senior end Shatony Sargeant — and four other lettermen. Sargeant could face a challenge from senior

**"Our critics think we don't play with the emotion we are accustomed to. I am fully in agreement."**

— *Jim Sweeney*

Malama Scanlan, a transfer from Iowa Wesleyan who redshirted last season and was listed No. 1 in the spring. Seniors Leroy Colbert and Danny Williams are the leading candidates at the vacant end spot. Williams started most of 1994.

Sweeney is concerned about speed at line-backer, where converted free safety Chris Love, a junior, is the only returning starter. Junior Ryan Holmes and sophomore Kevin Adams could join Love, and the Bulldogs return three other letter-men. Juco transfer Allan Nicholas, one of Fresno State's top signees, comes aboard in the fall.

The secondary has outstanding athletic ability with all four starters back, along with eight other lettermen. Leading the way is senior strong safety Omar Stoutmire, who played free safety last fall and tallied a school-record 198 tackles.

Last year's strong safety, junior Marlyn Jackson, is being moved to cornerback to compete with the 1995 starters, senior Steve Wilson, who led the WAC with 19 pass breakups, and junior Woody Green. Sophomore Cory Hall switches from cornerback to replace Stoutmire at free safety.

The kicking game is in solid shape with place-kickers Johan Lyssand, a junior, and Armen Torigian, a senior, and sophomore punter Jeff Roberts. Lyssand hit 19-of-28 field-goal attempts, and Roberts averaged 38.5 yards on punts. Roberson was the nation's No. 2-rated punt returner a year ago (18.2-yard average). This fall, he'll likely return kickoffs, too.

Of the nation's Division I-A head coaches, only Iowa's Hayden Fry (34 years) has overseen programs longer than Sweeney, one of the game's true characters and best coaches.

It wouldn't be a shock to see Sweeney & Co. make a run at the WAC's Pacific Division crown.



**Head Coach:** Tommy Tuberville  
**1995 Record (SEC):** 6-5-0 (3-5-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 6th SEC West

If you think being a football fan of Ole Miss in the last year or so has been tough, imagine what it must be like for coach Tommy Tuberville.

You are given the job in an impossible situation, with the school under four-year NCAA probation, TV and bowl sanctions (television this season but no bowl game), and severe scholarship reductions (from 25 to 13 in 1996, same as in 1995). Ole Miss won't have the full complement of scholarships until 1999.

Arriving in 1995 as the new coach, you're pleading for fan support and you're asking your players to give 110 percent, knowing that no one will see them on TV for a year and knowing that even a winning record can't get them in a bowl for the first two seasons of penalties.

And there's the recruiting. Not only do you have to be selective because of the reduced scholarship limits in the first two years, but you've also got to fight opposing coaches who tell recruits they won't be seen or heard about at a school serving NCAA probation.

So what do you do if you're Tommy Tuberville? You go 6-5 your first year, the fans rally behind you, and you overcome negative recruiting by selling your program as much to the parents of recruits as the recruits themselves.

"Just being eligible to play on TV this year is an enormous help because kids being recruited look at exposure," Tuberville says. "The attitude of our fans was great a year ago and continues to be impressive. They seem to understand building the program will take time, and we feel the probation will give us the time we need to build it the way we want it."

Even with just 48 players on scholarship, there is a certain pride among the Rebels about defying the odds.

This year, Tuberville is keeping his fingers crossed about a lack of depth. If Ole Miss can stay healthy, the coach figures that the seniors starting in 14 of 22 positions may pull the Rebels through to a second straight winning season.

The maturation of Paul Head last season was one of the offensive rallying points as the quiet youngster took over at quarterback late in the season. Completing 70-of-113 passes for 748 yards and five touchdowns, Head guided Ole Miss to wins in three of its last four games.

Losing Dou Innocent, the Rebels' leading rusher the past two seasons, takes away a chunk of an offense that didn't have much punch to start with. But others have been chomping at the bit for playing time.

Former LSU halfback Artie Moore, a senior, has been a star-in-waiting since his high school days. He had a good spring a year ago, yet carried just 40 times for 217 yards. He'll be backed by Georgia Tech transfer Tony Cannon, a sophomore.

The best bet for a touchdown-maker is senior jack-of-all-trades Ta'Boris Fisher, who last year had 45 catches for 493 yards and four TDs. Any



Kris Mangum

time that Fisher, an H-back, is in motion, it's likely he'll cause a commotion.

Senior Andre Hollis will be called on at wide-out, but Tuberville admits his offensive attack centers on senior All-SEC tight end Kris Mangum. Mangum won a national championship ring at Alabama as a special teams player in 1992, then transferred to Ole Miss, where he has blossomed into a pro prospect. Last year, his 36 catches (for 391 yards and two TDs) were the most by a Rebel tight end since Wesley Walls grabbed 36 in 1988.

Junior Eli Anding will start at U-back (a tight wing used primarily for receiving and blocking).

Two starters return on the offensive line: versatile senior center Skip Joyce and senior right

guard Shannon Provencher. The new faces are actually familiar faces moving up the depth chart: junior left tackle Boyd Kitchen, senior left guard Jonathan Casey and senior right tackle Orlando Trainer.

Junior right tackle Devon Coburn was the only returning starter on the defensive line when spring practice concluded. Tuberville wants more big plays up front and is counting heavily on senior left tackle David Evans, whom the coach lauded for his off-season weight-room work and winning attitude. The ends may be senior Quentin Wilson and sophomore Morris Scott.

The best of the three starting linebackers is junior Nate Wayne on the strong side. He ranked fifth on the team in tackles with 50, including 28 solo. Senior Kyle Wicker apparently will return as middle linebacker, although he could be shifted to end. Converted quarterback Broc Kreitz, a junior, is set to start on the weak side.

The secondary is the strength of not only the defense but also the entire team. Three of four starters return, with Lawrence Adams, once a starting quarterback for the Rebels, getting the start at free safety in his final season.

Junior strong safety Walker Jones is a bell-ringer, totaling a team-high 90 tackles (40 solo) and six pass deflections. He should break through in his junior season and become one of the most feared headhunters in the SEC. Senior left cornerback Derek Jones had 69 tackles (a team-high 54 solo). Sophomore right cornerback Gary Thigpen should hold his job. He was credited with 37 tackles, an interception and five pass breakups.

Ole Miss tallied just nine interceptions last year, ranking 10th in the SEC.

Senior Tim Montz converted 13-of-19 field-goal attempts and 17-of-19 extra-point tries for 56 points, a modest total that led Rebel scoring. Juniors Randall Green and Kevin Cooper, senior Jim Nichols and redshirt freshman Nick Sagana started a punting derby in the spring that promises to rage into the fall. Tuberville might be better off drawing a name out of a hat.

Fisher was fifth in the SEC in punt returns with a total of 132 yards on 13 runbacks (10.2-yard average). Fisher may add kickoff return duties since running back Moine Nicholson will miss the season because of academic problems.

The hardest thing about being on probation is maintaining the "us against the world" attitude that is so fresh during the first season in the NCAA jail. The Rebels are in year two of their NCAA sentence and can at least be seen on TV. How they maintain their desire is a key. They not only have to mature and play error-free, basic football, but they also have to keep the emotional fires burning.

If the Rebels can find enough offensive spark to boost their 19 points-per-game production of a year ago and create more turnovers, a 6-5 repeat not only would be acceptable but even quite welcome.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (6)

WR	86	Andre Hollis (Sr., 1); 25 Hunter Caston (Fr., 0)
LT	78	Boyd Kitchen (Jr., 2); 65 Eric Bubrig (Jr., 1)
LG	79	Jonathan Casey (Sr., 2); 71 Todd Wade (Fr., 0)
C	76	Skip Joyce (Sr., 3); 50 Matt Luke (So., 1)
RG	61	Shannon Provencher (Sr., 2); 70 Joey Embry (Fr., 0)
RT	72	Orlando Trainer (Sr., 2); 54 Omar Edwards (Jr., 1)
TE	82	Kris Mangum (Sr., 2); 83 Tutan Reyes (Fr., 0)
QB	13	Paul Head (Sr., 3); 1 Stewart Patridge (Jr., 0)
RB	28	Artie Moore (Sr., 1); 33 Tony Cannon (So., 0)
HB	10	Ta'Boris Fisher (Sr., 3); 88 Ronnie Letson (Fr., 0)
UB	7	Eli Anding (Jr., 2); 81 Adam Bettis (Fr., 0)
PK	48	Tim Montz (Sr., 2)

### DEFENSE (6)

LE	90	Quentin Wilson (Sr., 1); 97 DeWayne McCurdy (Fr., 0)
LT	60	David Evans (Sr., 3); 93 Richard King (Jr., 0)
RT	87	Devon Coburn (Jr., 1); 68 Michael Day (Jr., 0)
RE	95	Morris Scott (So., 1); 52 Ken Judon (Fr., 0)
SLB	41	Nate Wayne (Jr., 2); 55 Matt Wells (Jr., 1)
MLB	43	Kyle Wicker (Sr., 3); 42 Britt Wicker (Fr., 0)
WLB	14	Broc Kreitz (Jr., 2); 56 Erik Beelman (So., 0)
LCB	24	Derek Jones (Sr., 3); 3 Timothy Strickland (Fr., 0)
SS	29	Walker Jones (Jr., 2); 40 Thurman Thomas (Fr., 0)
FS	17	Lawrence Adams (Sr., 3); 2 Ronnie Heard (Fr., 0)
RCB	30	Gary Thigpen (So., 1); 46 Johnny Desler (Sr., 2)
P	39	Randall Green (Jr., 0)

(R) indicates transfer or return from injury.  
 Bold indicates returning starter.  
 NUMBER After Class Backups Left in Year



**Head Coach:** Nelson Stokley  
**1995 Record (Big West):** 6-5-0 (4-2-0)

**W**hen coach Nelson Stokley promised a few years back to put some cayenne pepper in Southwestern Louisiana's offense, little did he know he could call it Stokley & Son.

After losing seasons in 1990-91-92, Stokley pere knew he had to do something about an offense that averaged only 13.0 points and 263.3 yards a game in '92.

Thus the coach de-emphasized the option in favor of a more dropback passing attack, and it paid off big-time a year ago, when a redshirt freshman named Brandon Stokley exploded onto the scene like a red-hot jalapeno.

All Stokley fils did was turn in the best season by a freshman receiver in the history of college football. He set NCAA freshman records for most catches (75), most receiving yards (1,121), catches per game (6.8) and yardage per game (102.0). Those are school records as well, regardless of class.

The '95 Ragin' Cajuns averaged a school-record 434.5 yards a game, 48 more than the old mark, to finish 15th nationally. It all added up to a 6-5 record, a third straight winning season and a 4-2 league mark for a second-place tie in USL's third and final season as a member of the Big West Conference football consortium (fellow consortium members Arkansas State, Louisiana Tech and Northern Illinois also exited the Big West, with the latter set to begin play in the Mid-American Conference in 1997).

The Cajuns, who return 52 of 68 lettermen, will play this season as an independent team. Very preliminary talks have taken place regarding a conference home for Southwestern Louisiana's football program. More on that later.

On offense, vastly underrated senior quarterback Jake Delhomme accounted for school records of 20 touchdown passes and 2,761 passing yards. The Cajuns' per-game average of 255.5 yards smashed the old record by 60 yards a game.

In a more high-profile setting, Delhomme would be recognized for what he is: a fabulous talent.

"I don't think there's a better quarterback in the country than Jake Delhomme," Stokley says bluntly. "He does so many things for us. It's almost to the point that he's taken for granted."

Senior Kenyon Cotton, a 259-pound fullback who gained 678 yards a year ago, moves to tailback, replacing Marcus Prier, who rushed for 979 yards and 14 TDs.

"There aren't many big backs around any better than KC," Stokley says.

Taking over for Cotton at fullback is junior Gregg Hamilton.

Surely coach Stokley can't be accused of nepotism when he lists his son as a starting wideout, even though all the 1995 starters are back. While young Stokley was the most frequent target, senior Donald Richard tallied 38 catches for 777 yards and was the national leader in yards per



Jake Delhomme

Steve Whitman/University

catch (20.4). Senior Darren Strother and junior Franco Smith started ahead of Stokley.

Senior tight end Cody Romero returns after a 17-catch, 176-yard season.

Most of last year's success could be credited to a stellar line. The Cajuns return junior guard Keith Ware, a massive 6-1, 345-pound granite block. "Keith may have had the best overall spring practice of anyone on offense," Stokley notes. "He has really been a force." Also back is junior tackle Anthony Clement. The new starters should be sophomore tackle Chad Hakemack, junior guard Marty Cannon and sophomore center Ben Archer.

On the other side of the ball, Southwestern Louisiana led the Big West in total, rushing and

pass defense, and was a half-point per game away from leading in scoring defense as well. Two regulars return: senior end Joseph Evans and senior tackle Paul Cabbie. Look for senior Dwayne Andrews to move in at the other tackle, with junior Mario Stephens at the other end.

Three returning regulars are led by senior middle linebacker Pat Brennan, an all-conference selection and the second-leading returning tackler on the team with 70. Joining him are senior Kelcy Dotson and sophomore Chuck Woodall.

Senior strong safety Damon Mason led the Cajuns with 88 tackles, including 66 solos. Both Mason and senior cornerback Britt Jackson made All-Big West. The other starters will be new, probably junior Garrett Johnson at cornerback and sophomore Charles Johnson (no relation) at free safety.

Junior Jeremy Deach, a two-way kicker, will get his first collegiate action. Senior Mike Jones was the only player in Division I-A to punt and return punts last year. He punted for an average of 37.1 yards and returned punts for a 10.1-yard average.

Yes, Air Stokley, pere and fils, takes center stage at Southwestern Louisiana this fall. Guaranteed are numerous touchdowns and vast chunks of passing yardage.

Despite the explosive offense, the Cajuns may be hard-pressed to attain a .500 season. The schedule includes trips to Florida, Southern Miss, UAB, Virginia Tech and Texas Tech, and home games with Texas A&M and Houston.

"We understand what we're going up against and how difficult it's going to be," Stokley says. "But I also know that it's exciting for everyone, for our players and for our coaching staff. With challenges, there are also opportunities."

As noted earlier, Southwestern Louisiana will play for the present as an independent. It is clear, however, that the long-term survival of the USL football program (and for any independent program) may depend on conference membership. Currently, the school competes in all sports but football in the Sun Belt Conference, a league fairly well-respected for its men's and women's basketball and, to a lesser extent, baseball.

Media reports indicate there have been informal talks of the three football-playing Sun Belt members (Arkansas State, Louisiana Tech and USL) uniting with at least three other independents to form a grouping similar to the current Liberty Bowl Alliance. Perhaps a bowl tie-in could then be secured.

Candidates for the league would include independent Northeast Louisiana, current Big West member North Texas, future Division I-A member Middle Tennessee State, and potential I-A members Youngstown State and Georgia Southern. Other programs mentioned have been independents UAB, Central Florida and East Carolina, although these three appear to be headed for established leagues.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (7)

WR	80	Donald Richard (Sr., 2); 81 Byron Gasaway (Jr., 1)
TE	88	Cody Romero (Sr., 1); 86 Mark Buford (Fr., 0)
LT	70	Anthony Clement (Jr., 2); 74 Wardell Reddish (So., 1)
LG	79	Keith Ware (Jr., 1); 56 Michael Maloney (Jr., 1)
C	68	Ben Archer (So., 1); 60 Kevin Chapman (Sr., 1)
RG	65	Marty Cannon (Jr., 1); 52 Stephen Swander (Jr., 2)
RT	73	Chad Hakemack (So., 1); 72 Jason Boyer (Fr., 0)
WR	14	Brandon Stokley (So., 1); 82 Franco Smith (Jr., 2)
QB	12	Jake Delhomme (Sr., 3); 7 Brian Solignier (So., 1)
FB	22	Gregg Hamilton (Jr., 2); 37 Brian Wyatt (Fr., 0)
TB	23	Kenyon Cotton (Sr., 3); 4 Peter Dugas (Fr., 0)
PK	17	Jeremy Deach (Jr., 0)

### DEFENSE (7)

LE	96	Joseph Evans (Sr., 3); 93 Dennis Hewitt (So., 1)
LT	92	Paul Cabbie (Sr., 3); 55 Randy Young (So., 1)
RT	10	Dwayne Andrews (Sr., 1); 94 Ryan Poisso (So., 1)
RE	90	Mario Stephens (Jr., 2); 58 Myron Turner (Fr., 0)
MIKE	44	Pat Brennan (Sr., 3); 41 Shannon Jeffries (Jr., 1)
WILL	39	Kelcy Dotson (Sr., 1); 42 Gerald Stewart (Fr., 0)
CB	46	Chuck Woodall (So., 1); 2 Billy Sanders (Jr., 1)
CB	19	Garrett Johnson (Jr., 2); 33 Steve Pinkney (So., 0)
SS	9	Damon Mason (Sr., 2); 6 Willie Terrell (So., 1)
FS	38	Charles Johnson (So., 1); 21 Brian Jackson (Jr., 2)
CB	27	Britt Jackson (Sr., 3); 48 Charles Woods (Fr., 0)
P	3	Mike Jones (Sr., 2)

(P) Indicates Player of Returning Sophomore  
 (Jr.) Indicates Junior Sophomore  
 (Sr.) Indicates Senior Sophomore  
 (Fr.) Indicates Freshman Sophomore



**Head Coach:** Sonny Lubick  
**1995 Record (WAC):** 8-4-0 (6-2-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 5th WAC Pacific

Even after two Holiday Bowl trips, Sonny Lubick is not convinced.

His Colorado State Rams have won a pair of WAC championships and beaten everybody else in the league at least once the last two seasons, but his program has not arrived yet.

"We're still Colorado State," Lubick says. "People tell us we have a good program, but it's not like BYU, where they just keep rolling 'em out. We're getting better, but..."

Lubick is not exaggerating when he speaks of a "brutal" non-conference lineup that features Oregon, Colorado and Nebraska. And a 54-21 Holiday Bowl loss to Kansas State revealed that Colorado State is not yet ready to deal with national powers on a regular basis.

The Rams are 18-6 the last two seasons and 23-12 in three years under Lubick. Furthermore, they've won their last 10 WAC road games, a remarkable achievement.

These are standards, clearly, that will be difficult to continue as Colorado State enters a rebuilding year. But the Rams are sure to avoid the horrific dropoffs this program has experienced in the past, such as plummeting from 6-5 in 1986 to 1-11 in '87, and from 9-4 in 1990 (with a bowl victory) to 3-8 in '91.

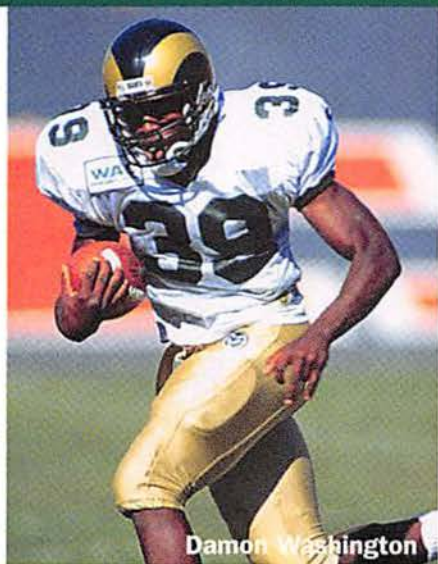
At quarterback, junior Moses Moreno continues to improve. Moreno alternated with Daren Wilkinson, who also returns, most of last season and was at his best in November, coming off the bench to throw for 263 yards and three touchdowns against UTEP. He then started at San Diego State and passed for 247 yards and two scores to help clinch the Holiday Bowl berth.

Fullback Damon Washington gained 600 yards as a freshman, including 100-yard games against Wyoming and Hawaii. Jaime Blake was also productive as a freshman, with 170 yards against Hawaii in his first start. Washington and Blake will divide playing time in the Rams' one-back offense.

The Rams are well-stocked in their three-receiver scheme. Senior Paul Turner caught 41 passes (16.5-yard average) for nine touchdowns. Junior Darrell Ballard (32 catches) returns as the H-back, while senior Jeremy Calhoun (20 receptions) mans the other wide position. Part-time starter Ronald Antoine, a senior, and junior Terrence Zenno provide depth.

Senior Justin Shull and junior Eli Workman combined for 28 receptions and are also solid blocking tight ends.

The offensive line will require some rebuilding, with senior Mark Rogowski, who may start at weak tackle, the anchor. Junior Steve Dundee returns at weak guard. Depending on Rogowski's play, sophomore Adam Wallace could replace All-WAC weak tackle James Cregg, while sophomore Mike Newell gets first shot at center. Sophomore Anthony Cesario is at strong guard. Junior Eric Bailey will start at strong tackle. Pacific transfer Justin Werth, a senior, could see playing time.



Damon Washington

Defensively, the Rams must find replacements for two of the country's best ends, Brady Smith and Sean Moran. Junior Adrian Ross, who started six games while Moran was battling injuries last season, and sophomore Steve Trammell have the experience to step in.

Junior DeVaughn Hawkins is back as starting tackle. Senior Kirk Bowman was lost for the season with a knee injury prior to Game 4, and he also returns, joining senior Mitch Palmer and sophomore Greg Pollard.

But duplicating the 21 sacks that Smith and Moran accounted for will be difficult.

In the linebacking corps, leading tackler Karl Ballard is gone. Sophomore Eric Vaughn could replace him. Kerr likes the future at outside line-

backer, though, with Nate Kvamme and Willie Taylor having started as freshmen. Kvamme recorded eight tackles and a sack, and intercepted two passes against Wyoming. Taylor started every game and finished third on the team in tackles. Senior Jim Dettlerick should again contribute.

The Ram secondary was completely depleted. Gone are All-America safety Greg Myers, a four-time All-WAC performer, and cornerback Ray Jackson, who intercepted 18 passes during his career. Cornerback Mack Craft was also solid.

Incidentally, the selection of Smith, Moran, Myers and Jackson in the recent NFL draft marked the most players ever picked from one WAC school.

Senior strong safety Steve Standifer is the only returning starter. Standifer closed the regular season with two interceptions at San Diego State. Sophomores Myron Terry and Jon Benallo have experience at free safety, while junior Brady Schneider, redshirt freshman Darrell Franklin and junior college transfer Eason Ramson Jr. will compete for cornerback jobs.

"They had probably the best defense I faced last year," says BYU quarterback Steve Sarkisian. "They won't have guys like Myers and Moran and Smith, but I still think they're going to be a very good defensive team, because they emphasize it. They disguise their coverages well and put on a good pass rush."

"When you go against Colorado State," says Utah offensive coordinator Fred Graves, "you know you're going to get a solid defense that just won't give you anything. You're going to have to play physical football."

Myers' departure is a substantial loss in special teams play, too. He returned three punts for touchdowns last season. Kickoff returning is in comfortable shape with Washington and senior Chris Myers.

Senior Matt McDougal is decent as both a placekicker and punter. He kicked four field goals at Utah, accounting for half his season total, and has averaged 38.8 yards in two seasons of punting. Standifer leads Colorado State's quality coverage teams; his recovery of a fumbled punt sealed a victory at Utah.

"I like our offense," Lubick says about a unit that hardly looks like a group that can carry the team until the defense matures. Defensively, Kerr is banking on a "pride factor" of his players wanting to maintain Colorado State's recent tradition of having the WAC's best defense, but those four All-WAC players will be missed. Colorado State will find itself in too many shoot-outs with the likes of San Diego State and Wyoming, and will lack the scoring ability to stay with them, unless Moreno produces significantly.

The Rams recruited well again — "This could be the class that makes Colorado State special in the future," Lubick says — but the 1996 season likely will be another story. The Rams look to finish in the bottom half of the Pacific Division.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (8)

WR	83	Jeremy Calhoun (Sr., 1); 6 Ronald Antoine (Sr., 3)
WT	77	Mark Rogowski (Sr., 2); 73 Adam Wallace (So., 1)
WG	78	Steve Dundee (Jr., 1); 62 Josh Dansereau (Jr., 0)
C	64	Mike Newell (So., 1); 56 Justin Werth (Sr., 0)
SG	72	Anthony Cesario (So., 1); 55 Julio Alcalá (Fr., 0)
ST	71	Eric Bailey (Jr., 1); 66 Donnie Forbes (Fr., 0)
TE	88	Justin Shull (Sr., 3); 80 Eli Workman (Jr., 2)
QB	13	Moses Moreno (Jr., 1); 14 Daren Wilkinson (Sr., 1)
FB	20	Damon Washington (So., 1); 34 Jaime Blake (So., 1)
HB	22	Darrell Ballard (Jr., 1); 8 Joey Porter (So., 1)
WR	5	Paul Turner (Sr., 3); 2 Geoff Turner (Jr., 0)
PK	18	Matt McDougal (Sr., 2)

### DEFENSE (6)

LE	44	Adrian Ross (Jr., 2); 32 George Schramm (Jr., 2)
LT	99	Kirk Bowman (Sr., 3); 97 David Tribovich (Fr., 0)
RT	74	DeVaughn Hawkins (Jr., 2); 90 Greg Pollard (So., 1)
RE	94	Steve Trammell (So., 1); 93 Jason Radakovich (Jr., 0)
WLB	3	Nate Kvamme (So., 1); 47 Jim Dettlerick (Sr., 2)
MLB	35	Eric Vaughn (So., 1); 51 Brian Sandland (Jr., 1)
SLB	45	Willie Taylor (So., 1); 10 Derrick Harden (So., 1)
CB	4	Brady Schneider (Jr., 2); 42 Eason Ramson (Jr., 0)
FS	15	Myron Terry (So., 1); 28 Erik Olson (Fr., 0)
SS	11	Steve Standifer (Sr., 3); 37 Jon Benallo (So., 1)
CB	26	Darrell Franklin (Fr., 0); 42 Eason Ramson (Jr., 0)
P	18	Matt McDougal (Sr., 2)

(R) indicates Return or Replaces. (S) indicates Sophomore.  
 (Jr.) indicates Junior. (Sr.) indicates Senior.  
 (Fr.) indicates Freshman. (So.) indicates Sophomore.



**Head Coach:**  
**1995 Record (SEC):**  
**1996 Pick:**

**Rod Dowhower**  
**2-9-0 (1-7-0)**  
**5th SEC East**

**V**anderbilt football fans cling to every morsel of optimism available.

Thirteen straight losing seasons and only three bowl appearances in 106 years have left the Commodore faithful annually searching for table scraps of promise.

Before last season, it was the prospect of a new regime under veteran pro and college coach Rod Dowhower, who vowed that an enticing offense with a premium on the pass would be the answer.

But seven games and seven defeats into the slate, talk turned to averting the team's first winless season. Dowhower's team then defeated Kentucky (for the fifth straight year) and Louisiana Tech.

The long-suffering Commodores even played well to close the season in losses at Florida and Tennessee, the latter a 12-7 defeat that nearly spoiled their in-state rival's home finale.

Therein lies the hope for Vanderbilt, which figures the late-season surge a mark of progress.

"Before anything else, you're just talking about attitude and approach of the players, feeling better about how we operate," Dowhower says.

But haven't we heard this refrain before?

Former Commodore coaches Fred Pancoast, George MacIntyre, Watson Brown and Gerry DiNardo talked about attitude and approach but rarely talked about wins, at least in the past tense.

According to Dowhower, "(the players) know there is a plan, and that it can work provided we all follow the plan."

Dowhower's plan took a hit when quarterback Ronnie Gordon, a graduated fifth-year senior, skipped his final season of eligibility for a shot at pro football. That left the quarterback job to junior Damian Allen, who started four games yet posted statistics nearly identical to Gordon's.

"The whole attitude now seems to be determination and confidence, both players and coaches," says Allen, who completed 62-of-136 passes (45.6 percent) for 728 yards and four touchdowns but threw seven interceptions.

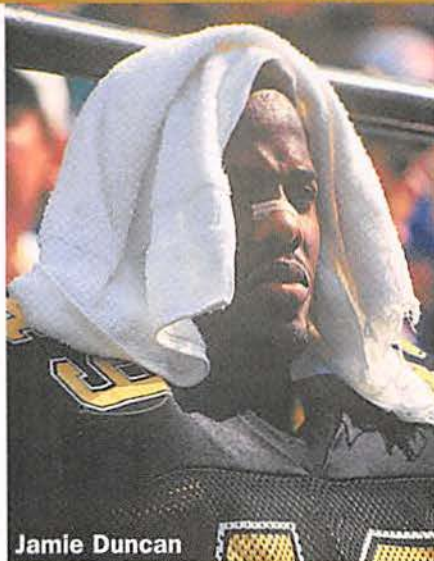
"Last year, Damian would get back in the pocket and then decide where to pass the ball," says quarterback coach Jeff Rutledge, a former Alabama and NFL standout. "Now, he sees where he should go with the ball as he drops back. He's making decisions quicker and it's showing."

Four players are vying for departed Jermaine Johnson's R-back slot, including juniors Marcus Forrest, Tyrone Yarbrough and Marcus A. Williams (a converted defensive back), and red-shirt freshman Alvin Duke (a converted receiver). Forrest is the leading candidate.

"I'm finally getting a chance," Forrest says. "I'm learning everything and getting comfortable with everything that I need to be doing."

The H-back, with both tight end and fullback responsibilities, will be shared again by sophomore Jason Dunnivant and junior Paul Morgan.

Athletic Duane Todd, the squad's second-leading receiver with 21 catches, and fellow junior



Robert Simmons were penciled in as starting wide receivers at the end of spring drills.

Senior tight end Jason Tomichuk blew out his right knee in the sixth game and missed the rest of the season. He should be 100 percent by fall.

A glaring weakness last season, the offensive line remains a primary concern. Senior left tackle Allen DeGraffenreid and sophomore center Jim Anguiano are the lone returning starters.

Junior Will Jacobs is due back at left guard after missing the last nine games with a neck injury. Owen "Tank" Neil, a pro prospect at right guard, is off the team for violating rules. Battling for the right tackle and right guard positions are sophomores Derrick May, Clay Condrey, David Coppeans and Myron Murray.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (5)

TE	83	Jason Tomichuk (Sr., 3); 82 Marcus E. Williams (Jr., 1)
LT	75	Allen DeGraffenreid (Sr., 2); 79 Shawn Wilson (So., 1)
LG	65	Will Jacobs (Jr., 2); 54 Myron Murray (So., 1)
C	51	Jim Anguiano (So., 1); 59 Walter Pitts (Sr., 0)
RG	63	Derrick May (So., 1); 54 Myron Murray (So., 1)
RT	76	Clay Condrey (So., 1); 71 David Coppeans (So., 1)
WR	25	Robert Simmons (Jr., 1); 24 Bobby Jackson (Jr., 1)
QB	17	Damian Allen (Jr., 1); 11 Jamail Carter (Fr., 0)
RB	32	Marcus Forrest (Jr., 1); 23 Tyrone Yarbrough (Jr., 0)
HB	42	Jason Dunnivant (So., 1); 41 Paul Morgan (Jr., 2)
WR	12	Duane Todd (Jr., 2); 24 Bobby Jackson (Jr., 1)
PK	38	Brett Speakman (So., 0)

### DEFENSE (9)

LE	89	Jay Stallworth (Jr., 2); 97 Glenn Young (Jr., 0)
LT	95	Matt Schuckman (Sr., 2); 72 Jason Hill (Jr., 1)
RT	92	Alphonso Harvey (So., 1); 93 Jason Smith (So., 1)
RE	73	Brian Boykin (Sr., 3); 97 Glenn Young (Jr., 0)
LB	27	Antony Jordan (Jr., 2); 39 John Bradley (So., 1)
LB	49	Jamie Duncan (Jr., 1); 10 Darewshi Miles (So., 1)
LB	45	Mark Jefcoat (Sr., 3); 34 Carlton Hall (Jr., 2)
CB	4	Corey Chavous (So., 1); 1 Fred Vinson (So., 1)
SS	19	Eric Vance (Sr., 3); 7 Robert Sheffield (Jr., 2)
FS	22	DeReal Finklin (Sr., 2); 8 Rahim Batten (So., 1)
CB	1	Fred Vinson (So., 1); 30 Damien Charley (So., 1)
P	29	Bill Marinangel (Sr., 3)

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Despite losing All-SEC defensive lineman James Manley, the four-man front is solid. Vanderbilt recorded 27 sacks and ranked 38th nationally against the rush.

"Vanderbilt has a good run defense," Kentucky coach Bill Curry says. "They play hard against everybody."

Returning are three two-year starters: left tackle Matt Schuckman and right end Brian Boykin, both seniors, and junior left end Jay Stallworth.

Competing to replace Manley at right tackle are sophomores Jason Smith and Alphonso Harvey, and junior Jason Hill.

Junior middle linebacker Jamie Duncan will play for pay one day. He led the Commodores in tackles with 120. Not only does Duncan have speed and savvy, but strength as well. He's the team's strongest player, lifting 1,405 total pounds in the bench press, squat and power clean.

"Jamie is one of the better linebackers in our league and will be one of the best in the country by the time he's through," says LSU coach Gerry DiNardo, who recruited Duncan when he was Vanderbilt's coach. Duncan will be flanked by senior Mark Jefcoat and junior Antony Jordan.

Three secondary starters return. After being moved from free safety, senior strong safety Eric Vance was second on the team with 90 tackles. He added five breakups and two fumble recoveries. Starting at free safety will be senior DeReal Finklin, who led the team with three interceptions and nine pass breakups.

Sophomore Corey Chavous (53 tackles, two interceptions) returns at one corner, and sophomore Fred Vinson hopes to nail down the other.

To say senior Bill Marinangel can punt is like saying Cindy Crawford is attractive. With his average of 42.7 yards ranking second in the SEC and 16th nationally, Vanderbilt was 10th in the country in net punting and first in the league. Marinangel boomed a career-best 70-yard effort against Notre Dame, and it was caught on the fly.

Inexperienced sophomore Brett Speakman is the placekicker.

Handling the return work will be sophomore Damien Charley, who averaged 23.9 yards on eight kick returns, and Chavous, who returned six punts and three kicks.

Encouragingly, Vanderbilt's strong defense is led by Woody Widenhofer, a former Missouri head coach who served as coordinator of the Pittsburgh Steelers' vaunted Steel Curtain during the 1970s. Widenhofer has received a three-year contract from Vanderbilt after nixing several chances to return to the pro ranks.

Still, if the Commodores are to compete in the SEC, they must score more than the unseemly (and league-worst) 11 points a game of last fall.

"Our basic approach is built around the quarterback and how much he can handle," Dowhower says. "What you don't want to do is put the whole game on his shoulders. We're trying to spread (responsibility) around."



**Head Coach:** Jim Wacker  
**1995 Record (Big Ten):** 3-8-0 (1-7-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 9th Big Ten

**W**hen they talk about tackle in the Land of 10,000 Lakes, they mean fishing gear.

Minnesota's Golden Gophers have had little acquaintance with the term in recent years. They allowed more than 417 yards per game in 1993, 404 in 1994 and 443 last year.

Anyone looking for the cause of the Big Ten's offensive explosion merely has to look at the Minnesota defense. Michigan, which had only the fifth-best offense in the league last season, dropped a 52-point bomb on the Gophers, who also gave up 49 points to Ohio State, 48 to Illinois and 45 to Iowa. In Minnesota's lone conference win, it conceded 38 points to Purdue but managed to put up 39 points of its own.

Is it any wonder that coach Jim Wacker overhauled his defensive staff at the end of the 3-8 season? Wacker, an offensive wizard, hired a new defensive coordinator, Tim Rose, who had done an outstanding job as coordinator at Cincinnati and as head coach led Miami of Ohio to the Mid-American Conference title in 1986.

Rose, who has been around long enough to know what he's getting into, observes, "Yeah, there's risk, but hey, bring it on, baby."

Rose believes in the 3-4 defense and hard work, and not necessarily in that order. When spring drills began, he convened his staff every day at 6 a.m. at a coffee shop near the Gibson-Nagurski Football Complex to plot strategy.

Rose will install a scheme that features multiple looks and relies on blitzes to keep foes unsettled. The Gophers definitely need to pressure the passer more; in 1995 they were credited with a league-worst 12 sacks.

Having eight starters back could be a mixed blessing. But Rose won't allow his players to be outthrusted.

"If they choose not to bust their butt, they're never going to be good," he says. "But winners don't always win and losers don't always lose. It's in the approach that you take."

"Once they learn the new package, we're going to be a good defensive football team," Wacker says. "The Rose system demands a lot. We intend to turn them loose, but what it all comes down to is whether the players can run to the football and make plays."

Offense isn't a problem. The Gophers figure to be explosive again under the leadership of junior quarterback Cory Sauter.

Sauter quietly turned in an impressive sophomore year, setting school single-season records for passing yards (2,600) and completion percentage (60.4). He also finished second in the Big Ten and 25th nationally in total offense (226.6 yards per game). Sauter's biggest problem is accuracy — he threw 13 interceptions, third-worst in the league — but his knack for reading coverages should improve with experience.

The starting tailback likely will be junior Rafael Cooper, who gained 471 yards. Cooper's top backup will be junior Javon Jackson.



Cory Sauter

Steve Waltham

The junior tandem of split end Ryan Thelwell and slotback Tutu Atwell combined for 1,510 receiving yards in 1995, a school single-season record. Thelwell, who is more of a possession receiver, was an honorable mention all-conference pick with 58 catches, six for TDs. He ranked second in the league with 5.3 catches per game.

Atwell is the big-strike threat. He grabbed scoring passes of 40, 51 and 58 yards last year. Tight end is solid with senior Paul Kratochvil. Junior Greg Nelson is the flanker.

Perhaps the biggest question mark on offense is the line, which lost four starters. It will be rebuilt around senior right tackle Gann Brooks, a co-captain, and senior left guard Chris Bergstrom. A trio of juniors — left tackle Luke Herkenhoff,

center Gregg James and right guard Jeff Baldauf — figures to round out the starting lineup. Depth will be provided by junior left guard Luke Gline, if he can bounce back from knee injuries.

"Although they are young, there is good size, and there are some good athletes in that group," says Wacker. "If they come along, we have the chance to be a pretty good offensive football team."

Under Rose's new 3-4 scheme, Minnesota plans to rotate six players on the defensive front. At nose guard, senior Ogun Akbar and sophomore Dave Watson will split time. At tackle, senior captain Jerome Davis and sophomore Antoine Richard will start.

Senior co-captain Ben Langford has started for two years at middle linebacker. He led the team with seven tackles for losses last year. Sophomore Parc Williams, who also will play inside, is the

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sort of headhunter Rose needs in his scheme.

Senior Don Williams has been moved from strong safety to outside linebacker. Junior Mark Cross also will start on the outside.

Because the Gophers rarely laid a hand on opposing passers, it wasn't entirely the secondary's fault that the team gave up a Big Ten-worst 19 TD passes and more than 234 passing yards per game. But Rose hopes to stimulate improvement by shuffling a unit that returns all four starters.

The biggest switch involves senior Rodney Heath, a second-team All-Big Ten pick who will move to strong safety. Heath tied for fourth in the Big Ten with five pass interceptions. Senior Rishon Early figures to start at the other safety, although he'll be pushed by junior Crawford Jordan, the team's leading returning tackler with 58 stops. At the corners, senior Terrance Blayne and sophomore Craig Scruggs are likely starters.

Sophomores Erin McManus and Adam Bailey will contend for the placement job in fall camp; neither has attempted a kick in college. Sophomore punter Tim Grate averaged 39.8 yards per kick. Heath finished third in the league with a 10.8-yard average on punt returns, and Cooper tied for fourth with a 21.6-yard kickoff return average.

About the only good news in 1995 was that the Golden Gophers avoided finishing 11th in the Big Ten, as they did in '94. Look for improvement this season, but after dropping its last seven games, Minnesota still has a long way to go before it can realize its dream of a bowl invitation.

"Our goal is to move into the (Big Ten's) upper echelon and challenge for a bowl bid on a consistent basis," says Wacker.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (4)

SE	4	Ryan Thelwell (Jr., 2); 88 Ryan Hubbard (Jr., 1)
LT	65	Luke Herkenhoff (Jr., 1); 73 Kris Hoffarth (Fr., 0)
LG	60	Chris Bergstrom (Sr., 1); 78 Jon Albrecht (So., 1)
C	62	Gregg James (Jr., 1); 63 Tim Socha (So., 1)
RG	74	Jeff Baldauf (Jr., 0); 63 Tim Socha (So., 1)
RT	71	Gann Brooks (Sr., 2); 69 James Elizondo (Jr., 0)
TE	80	Paul Kratochvil (Sr., 3); 89 Mark Tangen (Sr., 0)
FL	9	Greg Nelson (Jr., 2); 3 Lee Hutton (So., 0)
SB	1	Tutu Atwell (Jr., 2); 6 Derrick Harvey (Jr., 0)
QB	17	Cory Sauter (Jr., 1); 11 Rob Jones (Sr., 0)
TB	5	Rafael Cooper (Jr., 2); 21 Javon Jackson (Jr., 2)
PK	22	Erin McManus (So., 0)

### DEFENSE (8)

DT	58	Antoine Richard (So., 1); 91 Raymond Baylor (Jr., 1)
NG	51	Ogun Akbar (Sr., 3); 55 Dave Watson (So., 1)
DT	59	Jerome Davis (Sr., 3); 56 Lamar Williams (Jr., 2)
OLB	41	Mark Cross (Jr., 2); 52 Luke Braaten (Fr., 0)
ILB	37	Parc Williams (So., 1); 45 Deon White (So., 1)
ILB	49	Ben Langford (Sr., 3); 66 Jim Tallman (Sr., 2)
OLB	15	Don Williams (Sr., 3); 46 Rufus Smith (So., 1)
CB	25	Terrance Blayne (Sr., 3); 43 Mari Moore (So., 1)
SS	7	Rodney Heath (Sr., 3); 22 Tyrone Carter (Fr., 0)
FS	42	Rishon Early (Sr., 3); 23 Crawford Jordan (Jr., 2)
CB	2	Craig Scruggs (So., 1); 27 Joe Justice (Sr., 2)
P	28	Tim Grate (So., 1)

(R) Records. Number of Punting Starts.  
 (B) Records. Number of Punting Starts.  
 (N) Records. Number of Punting Starts.







**Head Coach:** Jim Colletto  
**1995 Record (Big Ten):** 4-6-1 (2-5-1)  
**1996 Pick:** 10th Big Ten

The question down in the Wabash River Valley is this: If the Purdue Boilermakers couldn't snag a bowl berth with Mike Alstott in the backfield, how are they going to do it now that the three-time team MVP and leading rusher in school history has departed?

The answer: with an improved defense.

If Purdue hopes to snap its long postseason drought — the Boilermakers last went to a bowl after the 1984 season — it must figure out a way to stop the other team. This is an era of juiced-up offenses, but defense still wins titles in the Big Ten.

There were signs in last year's disappointing 4-6-1 season that the Boilermakers had begun to catch on, as they climbed from 11th in the Big Ten in total defense to ninth and held opponents under 400 yards per game for the first time in three seasons. In the last three weeks, the Boilermakers limited Michigan to five points and Northwestern and Indiana to a total of 37.

So coach Jim Colletto had at least some reason for optimism despite the loss of one of the best players in school history.

"The biggest thing (in 1996) will be the continued development of our defense," Colletto says. "Our defense played with a lot of physical effort at the end of the year, and it will be nice to return all our defensive backs for the first time since I've been here. We also have good, young players on defense to improve our depth."

Purdue has produced such stellar signal-callers as Len Dawson, Bob Griese, Mike Phipps, Jim Everett and Mark Herrmann. So it's no wonder that much of the attention in the off-season focused on Colletto's choice between a dropback passer with limited mobility or an option wizard whose arm is strong but unproven.

The passer is senior left-hander Rick Trefzger, who has 24 career starts. He rates third in school career passing percentage (.582) and seventh in yardage (3,905), but his career touchdowns-to-interceptions ratio is a discouraging 16-20.

Sophomore John Reeves has a superior arm, but his numbers (one touchdown, six interceptions) reveal a lack of accuracy. Colletto also has a third option in senior Billy Dicken, a scrambler.

The Boilermakers expect big things from junior tailback Edwin Watson, a straight-ahead runner who banged for 533 yards and five touchdowns in 1995. His 5.4-yard rushing average rates ninth-best in Purdue history. Watson likes to go through defenders, not around them, but he's hardly a plodder. His 63-yard touchdown run against Wisconsin was Purdue's longest since 1984.

There's depth here, with juniors Lee Johnson and Curtis Taylor, and true freshman Cullen Bryant Jr. At fullback, the competitors are junior Eric Haddad and seniors Kevin Sellers and Darian Sanders.

"We will have a well-balanced team that can run," Colletto says.

The numbers aren't encouraging as only one wide receiver, senior Brian Alford, has ever



Edwin Watson

caught a touchdown pass, but this year's group of pass catchers has potential.

Alford, who recorded 20.2 yards per catch last year, was a member of the track team. Senior Kirk Olivadotti and junior Isaac Jones have started. Purdue tight end Jon Blackman, a senior, provides a lofty target at 6-6.

The Boilermakers ground out 233 rushing yards per game in 1995, ninth-best in Division I-A and a tribute to a sturdy, veteran line.

Three-fifths of the offensive front returns: senior Emmett Zitelli at guard and seniors Mark Fischer and John Hoogendoorn at tackle. Senior Damon Lewis, a 350-pounder, is expected to step in at the other guard, and senior Brian Nicley is slated to take over at center.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (6)

WR	6	Isaac Jones (Jr., 1); 9 Robert Tolbert (So., 0)
QT	54	Mark Fischer (Sr., 2); 65 Pete VanderWeele (Jr., 0)
QG	64	Damon Lewis (Sr., 3); 76 Don Maly (Sr., 1)
C	78	Brian Nicley (Sr., 2); 63 Jim Niedrach (So., 0)
SG	72	Emmett Zitelli (Sr., 3); 66 Mark Bigonger (Sr., 0)
ST	75	John Hoogendoorn (Sr., 2); 79 Chad Manning (Sr., 0)
TE	84	Jon Blackman (Sr., 2); 81 Brandon Jewell (Sr., 1)
WR	80	Brian Alford (Sr., 2); 24 Kirk Olivadotti (Sr., 3)
QB	13	Rick Trefzger (Sr., 3); 12 Billy Dicken (Sr., 2)
FB	16	Eric Haddad (Jr., 1); 33 Kevin Sellers (Sr., 1)
TB	36	Edwin Watson (Jr., 2); 35 Lee Johnson (Jr., 1)
PK	96	Shane Ryan (Jr., 0)

### DEFENSE (8)

LE	49	Chukie Nwokorie (So., 1); 93 Robert Faulkner (Jr., 0)
LT	97	Greg Smith (Sr., 2); 98 Leo Perez (Sr., 2)
RT	53	Jon Krick (Sr., 2); 74 Wayne Finchum (Sr., 0)
RE	58	Craig Williams (Jr., 2); 59 Roosevelt Colvin (So., 1)
SLB	34	Chike Okefor (Jr., 2); 48 Chris Koeppen (Sr., 3)
MLB	32	Noble Jones (So., 1); 44 Doug Withers (So., 0)
WLB	19	Joe Hagins (Sr., 3); 41 Willie Fells (So., 1)
LCB	14	Jamel Coleman (Jr., 1); 7 Adrian Beasley (So., 0)
SS	23	Willie Burroughs (Jr., 1); 10 Lee Brush (Jr., 2)
FS	2	Derrick Brown (Jr., 2); 11 Mike Hawthorne (So., 0)
RCB	4	Derrick Winston (Sr., 1); 21 Tommy Triplett (Jr., 1)
P	92	Brandon Kaser (Jr., 0)

(R) denotes players on Rose-Hulman Scholarship  
 (S) denotes players on Scholarship  
 (W) denotes players on Work-Study

How weak was Purdue's defensive wall? Colletto and his assistants signed eight defensive linemen in the off-season.

"Anybody in this league that wins has great defense, and it's important we try to develop that," Colletto says. "We didn't have anybody that could rush the passer and make him throw the ball high. We needed taller linemen."

After senior tackle Jon Krick, the experience level drops drastically on the line. Senior tackles Greg Smith and Leo Perez have only nine starts between them. Senior Craig Williams and sophomore Chukie Nwokorie will hold down the ends.

The Boilermakers have a potential Butkus Award candidate in junior outside linebacker Chike Okefor, who had 103 tackles (eighth-best in the league). He is an intense competitor who started every game after breaking a bone in his wrist in the second week of the season. Equally

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— Jim Colletto

adept at defending the run and the pass, Okefor had eight pass deflections and 10 tackles for losses.

The other outside linebacker is senior Joe Hagins (134 career tackles). Sophomore Noble Jones is expected to take over the starting role in the middle.

Purdue's secondary improved as 1995 dragged on. The Boilermakers still ranked 10th in Big Ten pass defense, but the coaching staff sensed that the players were finally beginning to mesh. That's why Colletto is excited about having a complete secondary return for the first time in his tenure.

Juniors Derrick Brown and Willie Burroughs are the safeties, while senior Derrick Winston and junior Jamel Coleman man the corners. Juniors Lee Brush and Tommy Triplett add depth.

The Boilermakers' return game should be solid with Lee Johnson, who finished third in the Big Ten in kickoff returns with a 21.5-yard average. Junior Shane Ryan likely will be the placekicker, while junior Brandon Kaser handles the punting chores.

The next step for Purdue is learning how to win. In 1995, the Boilermakers lost four games by a combined 16 points, and they blew late opportunities to beat Notre Dame, Penn State and Michigan State at home.

But while the Boilermakers are a long way from their glory days of the 1960s, there has been slow, steady improvement in the last few years. Purdue climbed from 72nd nationally in the 1993 Sagarin Computer Ratings to 38th in 1994 to 26th in '95, its best finish in 15 years.

The Boilermakers need to be even better as the upcoming schedule features six 1995 bowl teams, including Notre Dame, Penn State, Ohio State and Michigan.



**Head Coach:** Jerry Pettibone  
**1995 Record (Pac-10):** 1-10-0 (0-8-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 10th Pac-10

Oregon State coach Jerry Pettibone has discovered that faith can indeed move mountains, but it can't necessarily transform the meager Beavers into a Pacific-10 power.

Fans in Corvallis would be satisfied if Oregon State were merely respectable — and they thought that was finally going to happen after 24 years of losing records.

Pettibone's program seemed on the verge of breaking through in 1995, but it took a giant step backward. The Beavers once again ranked among the league's leaders in rushing at 209.3 yards per game, but the record was a deeply troubling 1-10.

For the first time, Pettibone heard fans grumbling about his run-oriented option offense that seems out of place on the wide-open West Coast.

Mike Summers, the offensive coordinator who was an integral part of that wishbone offense, was dismissed in the weeks after a gut-wrenching 12-10 loss to archrival and Cotton Bowl-bound Oregon. And miracle-working defensive coordinator Rocky Long has gone to UCLA.

Pettibone promoted Bronco Mendenhall to replace Long. He also brought in highly regarded Denny Schuler, the former Oregon defensive coordinator and California offensive coordinator.

Says Schuler, "The program here is closer to being turned around than a lot of people realize."

Perhaps. Two years ago, the Beavers finished 4-7 (2-6 in the Pac-10), but they beat UCLA on the road and had a legitimate shot at winning nine games. Last season, Oregon State lost four contests by five points or less and essentially gave one away to Pacific in early September.

This year, with Schuler's help, the offense will add an I-formation and three-step-drop passing attack to complement the running game. But it isn't clear how much the Beavers will throw.

When Schuler was hired, a Portland newspaper declared that Oregon State was "junking" the option. Pettibone insists, however, that the Beavers "are not abandoning the option. But we will balance our offense."

That means blue-ribbon quarterback Tim Alexander will be able to use his arm as well as his feet. And the wide receivers, primarily decoys on a team that tallied just 72.5 passing yards per game, may finally see some action.

The option is rough on quarterbacks, so it's fortunate the Beavers have three good ones. Senior Don Shanklin started six games last year, but the No. 1 man coming out of spring drills was sophomore sensation Tim Alexander. He took over in game five against Washington and rolled up a whopping 182 yards rushing and 140 yards passing. Alexander lasted just four more games before separating his shoulder (he broke a collarbone in '94).

Senior Shayzar Hawkins started the first two games of '95 at left halfback, then fractured a foot. Unproven sophomore Derek Poole is penciled in at right halfback, and Army transfer Akili King, a senior, is No. 1 at fullback. A three-year starter at Army, King was an All-America candidate who



rushed for 883 yards as a sophomore. What this team desperately needs is a burner at halfback.

The Beavers also need battle-tested receivers if Schuler's passing game is to be incorporated into the spread option. Unfortunately, only senior Sylvester Green and sophomore Robert Howard have ever played in a college game. Green caught four passes for 57 yards last fall.

At tight end, sophomore Joe Kuykendall is the only veteran; he caught two passes. Juco transfer John Mikucki could help, but he's coming off ACL surgery.

The offensive line should be in good shape. Three starters return: 324-pound senior right guard Brad Thompson, senior center Jamie Critchlow and sophomore Larry Ramirez, who

moves from tight end to left tackle. Senior Jarrod Owens is at right tackle, and junior Yul Everline is listed No. 1 at left guard. Junior Charles Hatcher, a potential starter at tackle in 1995 who was benched by eligibility problems, should see action this fall. Pettibone thinks junior college transfers Tony Marshall, Freddie Perez and Kyle Bidgood could help fill the gaps.

Two starters are back on the defensive line for Year One of the Mendenhall regime: senior left end Tony Huot and sophomore tackle Inoke Breckterfield. The coaches think Huot (57 tackles, six for losses) has all-league potential. Breckterfield started the last six games and totaled 11½ tackles for losses. Senior Tom Huthoefer is at right end, and Sione Tupou, 1995's national Junior College Defensive Player of the Year, can play either end position.

The Beavers will start junior Nathan McAtee in the middle and senior Brian Ludwick, who is coming off major surgery, at inside linebacker. But all linebacker positions are virtually wide open. Sophomore Brian Rogers is strong, quick, experienced and Oregon State's best outside linebacker. Redshirt freshman Jonathan Jackson could challenge for playing time. Juco transfer Jamil Braithwaite could play immediately.

The Beavers boast a solid five-man secondary. Senior nickel back Marc Williams, an honorable mention All-Pac-10 selection last fall, was credited with 71 tackles, five sacks and six pass breakups.

Junior strong safety Larry Bumpus and sophomore cornerbacks Andrae Holland and Armon Hatcher return. Hatcher, an 11-game starter, could be moved from right corner to free safety to replace departed standout Reggie Tongue. Junior Buster Elahie, a two-year starter who redshirted in '95, can play several positions.

Pettibone wasn't pleased with junior placekicker Randy Lund's 9-of-19 field-goal production and weak kickoffs, so the Beavers signed junior college All-American Matt Bryant. He connected on 13-of-15 placements last fall, including two last-second game winners.

Former prep All-American Bret Hopkins, a sophomore, is expected to challenge senior starter Doug Stuckey for the punting job.

Indications are that another ninth- or 10th-place Pac-10 finish looms.

There are many question marks on offense, particularly at running back. The roster is loaded with players designed for the wishbone, but their new offensive coordinator is used to throwing the ball at California with quarterback Dave Barr.

At Oregon State, the mental war is just as important as the war on the field.

"We have to get to the point where our players are confident enough in themselves to make the key plays at critical points that make the difference in winning and losing," Pettibone says.

Fostering a winning attitude might be Pettibone's toughest task, and failure in that area eventually could cost him his job. His five-year record at Oregon State is 11-43-1 (.213).

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (4)

WR	7	Sylvester Green (Sr., 3); 26 Cobbe Davis (Fr., 0)
LT		Tony Marshall (Jr., 0); <b>77 Larry Ramirez (So., 1)</b>
LG	73	Yul Everline (Jr., 0); 76 Trey Hyde (Jr., 0)
C	52	Jamie Critchlow (Sr., 1); 50 Aaron Koch (Fr., 0)
RG	69	Brad Thompson (Sr., 3); 65 Freddie Perez (Jr., 0)
RT	79	Jarrod Owens (Sr., 0); 51 Charles Hatcher (Jr., 0)
TE	88	Joe Kuykendall (So., 1); 87 Jered Lee (Fr., 0)
QB	1	Tim Alexander (So., 1); <b>5 Don Shanklin (Sr., 2)</b>
HB	4	Shayzar Hawkins (Sr., 2); 33 DeShawn Williams (So., 1)
FB	47	Akili King (Sr., 0); 34 Darron Kirkman (Sr., 0)
HB	32	Derek Poole (So., 1); 18 Gabe Schmidtknecht (Fr., 0)
PK	14	Randy Lund (Jr., 2)

### DEFENSE (6)

OLB	58	Brian Rogers (So., 1); 39 Jonathan Jackson (Fr., 0)
LE	93	Tony Huot (Sr., 2); 99 Troy Antee (Sr., 0)
DE	56	Inoke Breckterfield (So., 1); 67 Darrol Camp (Fr., 0)
DT	71	Tom Huthoefer (Sr., 0); 63 David Brim (Fr., 0)
MLB	38	Nathan McAtee (Jr., 2); 40 Anthony Murray (Jr., 2)
ILB	42	Brian Ludwick (Sr., 3); 48 Alex Sawatzke (So., 1)
ROV	31	Marc Williams (Sr., 3); 29 Jason Dandridge (So., 1)
LC	23	Andrae Holland (So., 1); 20 Robert Ruffin (So., 1)
SS	2	Larry Bumpus (Jr., 2); 16 Adrian Woodson (Jr., 1)
FS	21	Buster Elahie (Jr., 2); 43 Bryan Jones (So., 1)
RC	15	Armon Hatcher (So., 1); 46 Byron Lane (So., 1)
P	19	Doug Stuckey (Sr., 2)

(X) Injuries. \*Transfered. (S) Sophomore.  
 (J) Junior. (Sr.) Senior. (Fr.) Freshman.  
 (So.) Sophomore. (Jr.) Junior. (Sr.) Senior. (Fr.) Freshman.



**Head Coach:** Johnny Majors  
**1995 Record (Big East):** 2-9-0 (0-7-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 6th Big East

In his "first" fourth season at Pittsburgh, Johnny Majors coached the Panthers to the 1976 national championship.

How time flies. Majors' "second" fourth season at Pitt is upon us, and it marks the 20th anniversary of that memorable year. In commemoration, Pitt will honor members of the 1976 team during homecoming ceremonies on Oct. 5. Ceremony participants should be able to avoid injury.

That is something the 1995 team did not do. As a result, a season that began with impressive triumphs over Washington State and Eastern Michigan quickly deteriorated.

For 1996, three players who missed most or all of 1995 with injuries are listed as starters: tailback Billy West, the 1994 Big East Offensive Player of the Year; cornerback Denorse Mosley; and tight end John Jones.

The Panthers return 39 lettermen from last year's 2-9 squad, which lost to Temple and replaced the Owls as Big East cellar dwellers. Returnees include seven starters (plus one from 1994) on offense, four on defense (plus two from '94) and both kickers.

"Certainly, last year was very disappointing in terms of our won-lost record," says Majors, who had visions of at least a .500 season after two straight 3-8 campaigns in which his teams had shown some improvement. "Injuries, which limited us virtually the entire season, were part of the reason. But, frankly, we made too many mistakes at key points and gave our opponents far too many opportunities to win games."

Majors has what he calls "the finest group of young players we have had since I returned to Pittsburgh," a group that includes his best recruiting class. But a rugged road schedule sends the Panthers to Ohio State, Miami, Syracuse, Virginia Tech and Notre Dame.

Only sophomore quarterback Matt Lytle and junior Pete Gonzalez have game experience. Gonzalez started twice before going down with a knee injury; he completed 30-of-76 passes for 478 yards and three touchdowns. Lytle started the last two games, completing 37-of-71 passes for 299 yards and one TD.

The injury jinx began in 1995's opening game when West and Mosley were sidelined. In game five against eventual Big East co-champ Virginia Tech, a contest Pitt dominated and led 16-7 in the third quarter, misfortune struck again. On consecutive series, 1) West suffered a broken leg and was lost for the season; 2) Mosley fractured a thumb and was sidelined the rest of the year; and 3) wide receiver Dierrich Jells, the most prolific receiver in Pitt's history, injured an ankle and missed the next game.

The tailback position had also suffered in 1994 when Curtis Martin missed the last nine games with an ankle injury. West stepped in for Martin and led the Big East in rushing that year with 1,358 yards. He had rushed for 134 yards last year when the leg injury kayoed him.



Billy West

If West, a junior, can stay healthy, the ground game should be one of the team's strengths. His misfortune enabled then-freshman Demetrius Harris to rush for a team-high 610 yards. Harris may be at flanker this season. Sophomore Chris Schneider makes fullback a strong position.

The Panthers are counting on senior wideouts Curtis Anderson and Mark Butler, and junior Jake Hoffart, who transferred when the University of the Pacific dropped football. Anderson caught 25 passes for 264 yards. Butler showed signs of brilliance in 1994 before suffering a shoulder injury that ended his season after three games.

Jones, a sophomore, is the projected tight end after sitting out 1995 with a hand injury.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (7)

WR	23	Curtis Anderson (Sr., 3); 9 Jake Hoffart (Jr., 0)
LT	77	Tony Orlandini (Jr., 1); 61 Ethan Weidie (Fr., 0)
LG	76	Jon Marzoch (Jr., 2); 72 Jason Sepkowski (Jr., 1)
C	56	Reggie Thomas (Jr., 2); 54 Andrew Grishow (So., 0)
RG	60	Jeff Craig (Sr., 3); 65 Tim Robbins (Sr., 2)
RT	71	Mike Schultz (So., 1); 78 Justin Wade (Fr., 0)
TE	86	John Jones (So., 1); 88 Kirk McMullen (Fr., 0)
FB	32	Chris Schneider (So., 1); 22 Karim Thompson (Fr., 0)
QB	8	Matt Lytle (So., 1); 10 Pete Gonzalez (Jr., 1)
TB	20	Billy West (Jr., 2); 24 Dwayne Schulters (Jr., 0)
WR	25	Demetrius Harris (So., 1); 87 Mark Butler (Sr., 0)
PK	36	Chris Ferencik (So., 1)

### DEFENSE (4)

DE	55	Jared Miller (Sr., 3); 96 Chris Diiba (Fr., 0)
DT	98	Mike Mohring (Sr., 3); 62 Kenny Pegram (So., 1)
DT	70	Frank Moore (Jr., 2); Demond Gibson (Fr., 0)
RUSH	93	Marlin Young (So., 1); 97 Jason Soboleski (Jr., 0)
WILL	51	Roderick Humphrey (Jr., 2); 53 Ken Kashubara (So., 1)
SAF	58	Jason Chavis (Sr., 3); 45 Julian Graham (Fr., 0)
MIKE	58	Phil Clarke (So., 1); 18 Ken Konek (Jr., 0)
LC	11	Denorse Mosley (Jr., 2); 4 Chuck Brown (So., 1)
SS	35	Curtis McGhee (Jr., 2); 34 E.C. Varoytos (So., 1)
FS	15	John Jenkins (Jr., 2); 5 Eric Kasperowicz (Jr., 2)
RC	2	Rashad Whitmill (So., 1); 42 Sean Stallings (Fr., 0)
P	38	Nate Cochran (Sr., 3)

(R) denotes Redshirt or Freshman Sophomore  
 (Jr.) denotes Junior, (Sr.) denotes Senior  
 (Fr.) denotes Freshman, (So.) denotes Sophomore  
 (Ft.) denotes Freshman, (So.) denotes Sophomore

Although still relatively young, the offensive line looks solid with four starters returning. The leaders are junior center Reggie Thomas and junior left tackle Tony Orlandini.

The other returning starters are guards Jon Marzoch, a junior, and Jeff Craig, a senior. The only vacancy is at right tackle, where sophomore Mike Schultz got the nod in the spring.

Defensive coordinator Chuck Driesbach says the 1996 rushing defense will be more aggressive and will feature a "pressure" style of play.

Three of the front four have departed, leaving senior end Jared Miller to join a trio of newcomers. One is senior Mike Mohring, who moves from end to tackle. Junior Frank Moore is the likely starter at the other tackle. Opposite Miller at rush end is sophomore Marlin Young.

All three starting linebackers are gone, and they happened to be the team's top three tacklers. Nevertheless, Driesbach believes the new bunch could be just as effective. Senior Jason Chavis, a senior who didn't play last season after redshirting, gives the Panthers a proven inside linebacker. A year ago, he was considered perhaps Pitt's most improved player after leading the team in tackles in 1994. The outside spots will be manned by junior Roderick Humphrey and sophomore Phil Clarke.

The secondary's only true loss was cornerback Anthony Dorsett, but Mosley, now a junior, was the team's best defensive back. He led the Panthers with six interceptions and 12 pass deflections. The positive side to Mosley's injury was that sophomore cornerback Rashad Whitmill gained experience by starting the last six games.

Pitt has depth and experience at the safety positions even with the move of senior Jim Williams to linebacker. Junior free safety John Jenkins had four interceptions. The strong safety will be either junior Curtis McGhee or sophomore E.C. Varoytos.

Sophomore placekicker Chris Ferencik converted 12-of-13 field goals and 23-of-24 PATs as a freshman and was one of five finalists for the Lou Groza Award. Senior punter Nate Cochran averaged 42.9 yards, 14th nationally, and will handle those duties for the third straight year.

Butler had a 21.7-yard average two years ago, and Mosley was a solid punt returner during the two years before his injury.

The coverage units "operated at the lowest efficiency of my career," says Majors, who has been a head coach for 28 years. Pitt had three punts blocked, and the kickoff return unit ranked 99th in 1995 at 16.5 yards per runback.

The return of West, Mosley et al. makes the Panthers stronger immediately. Home games with West Virginia, Kent, Houston, Temple, Boston College and Rutgers, all coming off losing seasons, give Pitt a chance to at least double last year's win total. But the killer road slate, uncertainty at quarterback and heavy losses on the defensive front make a winning season a stretch.

Any resemblance between 1996 and 1976 will be purely coincidental.



**Head Coach:**  
**1995 Record:**

**Charlie Weatherbie**  
**5-6-0**

They laughed at Charlie Weatherbie when, in his final season as Utah State's head coach (1994), after losing 15 starters from the year before, he listed six players as All-America candidates and nominated eight more for All-Big West Conference honors. And that was before the season. Needless to say, those kinds of rewards weren't forthcoming.

They laughed at Weatherbie again a year ago when he took over as head coach at the United States Naval Academy and proclaimed, "I think we can win immediately." Those laughs have died down somewhat. True, Navy didn't have a winning season (the Midshipmen haven't had one since 1982) and lost 14-13 to Army to finish 5-6. Nevertheless, it was the most wins for Navy since 1990.

Last season began with a 33-2 rout of SMU. It was the most points Navy had scored against a Division I-A opponent in 11 years or, for that matter, against any team since 1988. The Midshipmen rolled up 30 or more points four times last fall.

The always upbeat Weatherbie returns 40 lettermen, including his placekicker, five regulars on defense and eight starters on a spread offense that utilizes a running back and two slotbacks.

"Navy's offense gives them the chance to employ the run-and-shoot passing game and the wishbone, and that's a great combination," says Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz.

"I believe we have a good situation in a number of areas, and we will have healthy competition for several positions," says Weatherbie. "Another thing is that we are not starting from scratch in installing our offensive and defensive schemes. We won't have to think so much. We still have to go out and continue to improve in fundamentals."

The schedule lists nine of the 11 opponents from a year ago. The Middies, who will play Notre Dame in Ireland on Nov. 2, have only four home games, against SMU, Duke, Delaware and Tulane.

There are two experienced quarterbacks on hand: junior Chris McCoy, who set four school records a year ago while leading the Midshipmen in rushing, and senior Ben Fay, the former Texas Tech Red Raider who transferred to the Naval Academy in 1993 and led the Midshipmen in passing in '95. McCoy rushed for 803 yards, a school record for quarterbacks, and seven touchdowns. He set an NCAA mark by rambling for 273 yards against SMU, the most rushing yards ever by a player in his first collegiate game. For the season, he also completed 34-of-79 passes for 524 yards and four TDs.

Fay started the final four games and recorded 73 completions in 144 attempts for 869 yards and three touchdowns. He rushed 105 times for 227 yards and four scores.

Including quarterback McCoy, the top six rushers are back. Junior fullback Tim Cannada was a pleasant surprise a year ago, rushing for 409 yards and three touchdowns on 90 carries. Contending with Cannada for the lone running back spot are senior Omar Nelson, a two-year letter-



Robert Green

man who gained 387 yards on 105 carries, and highly regarded sophomore Irv Dingle.

Five of the top six receivers are back. Senior Astor Heaven and junior LeBron Butts were the starting wideouts at the end of last season, and senior Neal Plaskonos got some starting assignments. Sophomore Mark Mill also may fit in.

The two slotbacks are used as blockers, runners and receivers. There are five returning lettermen, including seniors Will Smith and Cory Schemm, who were the starters most of the season. Schemm was the team's leading receiver with 25 catches for 327 yards and a touchdown; he also carried the ball 22 times for 202 yards (9.2-yard average). Junior Patrick McGrew started five games. Navy does not use a tight end.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (8)

WR	11	Astor Heaven (Sr., 1); 86 Mark Mill (So., 1)
LT	59	Greg Summa (Jr., 1); 79 Jared Jacobs (Jr., 0)
LG	69	J.D. Gainey (Jr., 1); 78 Alex Domino (Sr., 1)
C	55	Brian Drechsler (Jr., 1); 68 Lester Fortney (Sr., 1)
RG	73	David Loya (Jr., 1); 71 Jeff Smith (Sr., 1)
RT	70	Scott Zimmerman (Sr., 1); 25 Blain Kindler (So., 0)
WR	87	Neal Plaskonos (Sr., 1); 80 Ross Scott (Jr., 1)
SB	34	Patrick McGrew (Jr., 2); 20 Cory Schemm (Sr., 1)
SB	17	Will Smith (Sr., 2); 15 Howard Bryant (Sr., 2)
QB	8	Ben Fay (Sr., 1); 7 Chris McCoy (Jr., 1)
FB	26	Tim Cannada (Jr., 1); 5 Omar Nelson (Sr., 2)
PK	78	Tom Vanderhorst (So., 0)

### DEFENSE (5)

LE	41	Tom Poulter (Sr., 2); 14 Denis Kane (Jr., 1)
LT	95	Chad Holzapfel (Sr., 2); 35 Jerome Dixon (Sr., 1)
RT	55	Jason Snider (So., 0); 64 Brian Nowitski (Jr., 0)
RE	56	Michael Ogden (Jr., 1); 53 Nate Johnston (Sr., 0)
SLB	58	Jason Coffey (Jr., 1); 50 Travis Cooley (Jr., 0)
MLB	51	Clint Bruce (Sr., 3); 45 David Joseforsky (Sr., 1)
LC	29	Sean Andrews (Jr., 1); 47 Gerald Wilson (Jr., 0)
SS	43	Kevin Lewis (Jr., 1); 31 Adam Crecion (So., 1)
FS	6	Gervy Alota (Jr., 2); 48 Charles Fisher (Jr., 0)
WS	10	Rashad Smith (Jr., 1); 28 Desmond Morgan (So., 0)
RC	21	Robert Green (Sr., 2); 3 Enrico Hunter (So., 0)
P	83	Jason Covarrubias (Jr., 1)

(H) Indicates Player or Retired Starter  
BOLD indicates returning starter  
NUMBER After Cuts indicates Letterman

Three regulars return, led by junior center Brian Drechsler, who earned All-East honors last season. Junior guard J.D. Gainey and senior tackle Scott Zimmerman also were regulars most of the year. Junior tackle Greg Summa started four games and is penciled in as a full-time regular. Senior Jeff Smith lettered at guard and could be a starter if junior David Loya is still recovering from last season's knee surgery.

Seven of the 10 lettermen in the defensive line are back, including four who started at times. Seniors Cal Quinn and Tom Poulter, and junior Michael Ogden had starts at defensive end, while senior Chad Holzapfel started seven games at tackle. Poulter also started three games at tackle. Slated to step into a starting role is junior David Viger, a 6-5, 275-pounder who was impressive as the first man off the bench for both tackle starters last year. Junior Denis Kane and sophomore Jason Snider also could win a job.

The Midshipmen should again be strong at linebacker. Senior Clint Bruce was the leading tackler in 1995 with 117 stops and could again bid for postseason honors. Junior lettermen Travis Cooley and Jason Coffey will battle for the vacant linebacker spot.

The indisputable star of the team is junior cornerback Sean Andrews, who tied for the national lead with eight interceptions and earned second-team All-America and National All-Independents Newcomer of the Year honors.

Navy plays a five-man secondary, with two cornerbacks, a strong safety, free safety and weak-side safety. The position designated strong safety is as much an outside linebacker as a defensive back, making the defensive alignment a 4-3.

The other starters are junior Gervy Alota, who has been a regular at free safety for two seasons, and senior cornerback Robert Green. Juniors Kevin Lewis and Rashad Smith are the leading candidates for the openings at strong and weak safety, respectively. Lewis started three games and intercepted three passes. Other lettermen who could figure in the mix are senior cornerback Matt Scanlan and sophomore strong safety Adam Crecion.

Replacing four-year regular Schrum and his 40.7-yard punting average is critical. The possibilities include senior David Lark, who has never punted in a varsity game. Junior placekicker Jason Covarrubias was penciled in at punter this spring; he made only 7-of-15 field-goal attempts last year.

Plaskonos was the team leader in kickoff returns, running back 13 for a 21.2-yard average. Mill was used on punt returns late in the year and averaged 8.4 yards. He also returned five kickoffs for a 19-yard average.

Notre Dame, a team Navy hasn't beaten since 1963, when Roger Staubach was quarterback, is the only powerhouse on the schedule. The Midshipmen should be competitive with most of their other opponents and could match last year's record. A winning season, however, probably will have to wait a bit.



**Head Coach:**  
**1995 Record:**

**Bob Sutton**  
**5-5-1**

**Q:** What does Army football have in common with the National Basketball Association?

**A:** Many games are decided in the closing seconds.

In the second game of the 1995 season, Army lost to Duke 23-21 on a Blue Devil field goal with four seconds remaining. In Game 3, the Cadets lost to Washington 21-13 but were on the Huskies' 1-yard line when time ran out.

In Game 4, Army kicked a 44-yard field goal on the final play to tie Rice 21-21. And in Game 5, a two-point conversion attempt was stopped inches from the goal line, preserving a 28-27 Notre Dame victory.

In all, six of Army's 11 games were decided in the final minute, with four coming down to the last play. The Cadets lost to bowl teams Washington, Notre Dame and East Carolina by a total of 15 points.

Frantic finishes are nothing new at West Point. In 1994, seven games were decided by six points or fewer, and only three of the last 12 losses have been by more than nine points.

When all was said and done, the 1995 Cadets had finished with a 5-5-1 record. There are high hopes for 1996, with Army returning 45 lettermen, including five starters on offense, five on defense and the placekicker.

"The two biggest areas of concern for us will be our offensive line, where we lost a good nucleus, and on defense, it's probably the two safety positions," coach Bob Sutton says.

The schedule is much milder than last season's. The first six opponents — Ohio, Duke, North Texas, Yale, Rutgers and Tulane — all suffered losing records last year, and only Air Force and Syracuse went to bowl games.

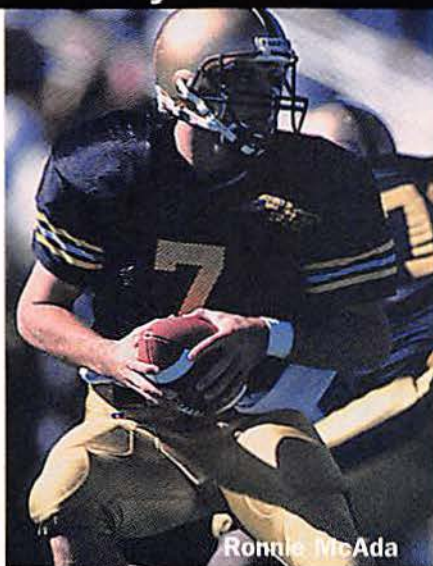
The top four signal-callers are back, led by senior Ronnie McAda, widely considered the Cadets' finest wishbone quarterback. The Black Knights' second-leading rusher a year ago, McAda ran for 701 yards and threw for 761, completing 56-of-111 passes (50.5 percent).

Junior backup Adam Thompson averaged 6.8 yards a carry and was Army's fourth-leading rusher with 248 yards. Senior Charles Kean and sophomore Johnny Goff also return.

Four of the six halfbacks listed on the spring three-deep saw quality playing time last year. Seniors Jeff Brizic and Rashad Hodge are the projected starters at the left and right halfback spots respectively. Hodge averaged 6.8 yards a carry on 35 rushes in 1995. He raced 74 yards for a touchdown on the first play of the season, but was bothered by a nagging ankle sprain and added just 165 yards the remainder of the campaign.

Senior Coby Short and sophomore Bobby Williams are the top reserves.

The departed John Conroy re-established the fullback in Army's wishbone and led the team with 809 rushing yards. Senior Demetrius Perry inherits the starting role but will be challenged by



Ronnie McAda

sophomore Joe Hewitt and senior Lee Gibson, trying to battle back from knee surgery.

After incorporating the wishbone in 1984, Army led the nation in rushing in 1984 and 1993, and has ranked in the top seven nationally every year. Last season, the Cadets were third with 330.2 yards a game.

Senior split end Ron Thomas is a threat running and catching the ball. He recorded a very modest 10 receptions last year, but Army quarterbacks completed only 61 and finished next-to-last nationally in passing with 72.3 yards a game. The main backups graduated, leaving junior Brad Miller and sophomores Rod Richardson and Brian Jacobs competing for time when Thomas lines up in the backfield.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (5)

SE	2	Ron Thomas (Sr., 3); 13 Rod Richardson (So., 1)
LT	51	Dave Beard (Jr., 1); 66 Matt Yost (Jr., 0)
LG	68	Doug Chadwick (Sr., 2); 69 Jeremy Chapman (Jr., 0)
C	55	Kyle Scott (Sr., 1); 50 Rob Rodenmayer (Sr., 2)
RG	67	Jeff Enck (Jr., 1); 61 George McIngvale (So., 0)
RT	52	Tim Booth (Sr., 1); 63 Dan Cox (Sr., 0)
TE	64	Ron Leshinski (Sr., 3); 87 Theo Unbehagen (Jr., 1)
QB	7	Ronnie McAda (Sr., 2); 6 Adam Thompson (Jr., 0)
LHB	26	Jeff Brizic (Sr., 2); 49 Bobby Williams (So., 1)
RHB	37	Rashad Hodge (Sr., 2); 29 Coby Short (Sr., 1)
FB	23	Demetrius Perry (Sr., 1); 33 Joe Hewitt (So., 0)
PK	8	J. Parker (Sr., 1)

### DEFENSE (5)

DE	76	Larry Angles (So., 1); 81 Justin Brandon (Jr., 0)
DT	72	C.W. Estes (Sr., 2); Joe Stanyer (So., 0)
NG	77	Colin Kearns (Sr., 3); 64 Jeff Forgach (Jr., 2)
DE	97	Hise Gibson (Sr., 1); 92 Tony Bianchi (Sr., 1)
KGT	95	Scott Eichelberger (Sr., 2); 48 Brian King (So., 1)
ILB	60	Stephen King (Sr., 2); 54 Matt Coldsnow (Jr., 1)
ILB	44	Ben Kotwica (Sr., 2); 90 Brandon Tilford (So., 1)
CB	19	Garland Gay (Sr., 3); 34 Donald Augustus (Sr., 2)
SS	16	Jerrold Tyquengco (Sr., 1); 14 Matt Rogers (Jr., 1)
FS	18	Robert Brown (Jr., 1); 17 Tom Mullins (Sr., 1)
HB	17	Tom Mullins (Sr., 1); 16 Jerrold Tyquengco (Sr., 1)
P	91	Scott Lord (Jr., 0)

JLB: Head Coach of Reserve Starters  
RHB: Head Coach of Reserve Starters  
NUMBER: Army Cadets Reserve Starters

Senior tight end Ron Leshinski has started every one of the 33 games he has played since his freshman year. He led the Cadets with 15 catches in '95. Junior Theo Unbehagen will be used in short-yardage situations.

Four-fifths of the starters in the 1995 offensive front have graduated. The only holdover is senior center Kyle Scott.

Senior Doug Chadwick and junior Jeff Enck should be the starting guards, with junior Dave Beard and senior Tim Booth at the tackle slots. The second unit consists of tackles Dan Cox, a senior, and junior Matt Yost; guards George McIngvale, a sophomore, and junior Jeremy Chapman, and senior center Rob Rodenmayer.

Senior nose guard Colin Kearns anchors the defensive line, but he will have three new partners. Senior Hise Gibson and sophomore Larry Angles are the front-runners at the ends. Senior C.W. Estes, who struggled through an injury-plagued season and has been given a clean bill of health, is set to start at tackle. Junior nose guard Jeff Forgach surged after missing the first month of the season with a foot injury.

Army returns the hard-nosed inside linebacking duo of seniors Ben Kotwica and Stephen King. Kotwica missed all or parts of four contests after suffering a severely sprained ankle at Washington in Game 3. He was the team's leading tackler at the time of his injury and finished second with 66 stops. King was third with 64, including a season-high 11 against Navy. Backups include junior Matt Coldsnow and sophomores Brandon Tilford and Jason Van Camp.

The Knight position, which combines defensive end and linebacker requirements, was decimated by injuries a year ago, with senior Mike Coerper, sophomore Chad Suito and junior Jeff Dietz all being felled. Any or all of that trio could be in the starting picture in the fall, but senior Scott Eichelberger was No. 1 in the spring.

The secondary will undergo a major renovation after losing both safeties and the backups. To fill the holes, junior starting cornerback Robert Brown has been switched to free safety and senior Jerrold Tyquengco, a reserve, shifts from cornerback to strong safety.

Senior cornerback Garland Gay returns, with senior Tom Mullins at the other corner after seeing spot duty for two years.

With punter Ian Hughes forced to leave school due to a medical problem, junior Scot Lord steps up. Senior placekicker J. Parker (full name: Joseph Houston Parker) converted nine-of-13 field-goal attempts, including a last-second 44-yarder to tie Rice, and all 36 PATs.

Thomas is among the nation's top kickoff-return specialists, averaging 24.3 yards.

If the Cadets can avoid injuries and the offensive line produces, they could take their first bowl trip since the 1988 season. However, Army plays two Division I-AA teams so they must win six of the other nine games to qualify.







**Head Coach:** John L. Smith  
**1995 Record (Big West):** 4-7 (4-2)  
**1996 Pick:** 1st Big West

**A**nd you thought Charlie Weatherbie was optimistic.

In case you forgot, Weatherbie was the coach when Utah State won the Big West championship in 1993. Despite losing 15 starters, Weatherbie boldly nominated 14 players as post-season award candidates BEFORE the start of the 1994 season.

Weatherbie is now the head coach at Navy, but his successor, John L. Smith, doesn't lack for rave reviews about his players. For example:

- "Abu Wilson has all the tools to be an impact player in the NFL. Abu will have every opportunity to be as good as any running back in the country." (Ed. Note: Coach, have you heard of Northwestern's Darnell Autry, Iowa State's Troy Davis, et al.?)

- "Our depth at running back could be as good as any team in the country." (Ed. Note: Coach, have you seen Nebraska's tailbacks?)

- "Our receivers are as athletic as any receiving corps in the country." (Ed. Note: Coach, have you noticed the receivers at Florida and Florida State?)

It seems difficult to believe the Aggies were only 4-7 last year, Smith's first season in Logan. However, the team was able to beat four Big West Conference opponents and tie since-departed Southwestern Louisiana for second place at 4-2. And the two losses were to Arkansas State (by four points) and Nevada (by five). Furthermore, the team started 0-5; thus the 4-7 mark doesn't look too bad.

Utah State will make a run at the 1996 Big West crown with 35 of 49 lettermen returning, including three starters on offense, six on defense and both kicking specialists.

Perhaps not surprisingly, considering his optimism, the loss of eight offensive starters doesn't faze Smith.

"I truly believe we'll be better at every position in 1996," he says.

Smith must find replacements for all three wide receivers, including Kevin Alexander, who set school records last year with 92 receptions for 1,400 yards, three offensive linemen and two linebackers.

Utah State runs a one-back offense and one might be enough since Wilson, a senior, put together a 1,476-yard, 15-touchdown 1996 season. He finished second in the league in yards-per-game rushing average (134.2) and all-purpose yards (182.2 per game).

It is no wonder that Wilson accounted for 82 percent of the Aggies' overall rushing yardage. He is a strong candidate for Big West Offensive Player of the Year.

"He is the complete package as a runner, pass receiver and blocker," Smith says.

Behind Wilson is sophomore Melvin Blue (244 yards and a 5.6-yards-per-carry average to Wilson's 5.4).

Strong-armed senior quarterback Patrick



Utah State Photo

Mullins started all 11 games and completed 209-of-383 passes (54.6 percent) for 2,774 yards and 12 touchdowns. Impressive numbers notwithstanding 16 interceptions, which hurt his efficiency rating (a modest 117.4).

Despite the loss of the starting wideouts, there is talent at wide receiver in seniors Aaron Frazier and Shawn Turner, sophomore Ricky Brumfield, and juco transfers Nakia Jenkins and Steve Smith.

Sophomore London McBride assumes full-time duties at tight end after catching six passes for a team-high 16.7-yard average.

With Robert Holmes, Travis Guiney and Novich Hunter gone, the lone returnees on the offensive line are junior tackle Brandon Dyson and senior guard Troy Kema. Junior Mauricio

Jordan might unseat Dyson. Juco transfer Mark Rommel is expected to step right in at tackle. Sophomore Ken Watts has some experience at guard and will try to hold off redshirt freshman Mike Lindsay. The Aggie center is projected to be freshman Matt Lance.

The Aggies' run defense should be much improved. Smith calls senior Danilo Robinson "the best defensive end in the Big West Conference." Robinson, who missed spring work but will be back for the season, and junior end Ben Crosland, who has been moved to right tackle, combined for 16 sacks last season.

Junior Walter Fiefla is projected to work opposite Crosland at the other tackle spot. Sophomore Vaea Fiefla, Walter's brother, should take over at the other end.

The only returning starter at linebacker is all-conference senior David Gill in the middle. Gill recorded a school-record 168 tackles last year. Senior Spencer Waggoner has been moved from free safety to rover linebacker. Newcomer Adam

**"Abu Wilson will have every opportunity to be as good as any running back in the country."**

— John L. Smith

Jones was a first-team juco All-American as a defensive lineman/outside linebacker. He will battle sophomore Derek DeCesare for the right to start outside.

In the secondary, the move of Waggoner, who led the team with four interceptions (and whose 71 return yards was second in the league), leaves sophomore Johndale Carty and junior Jeff Spencer at free safety. Both have some experience. At the cornerback positions, senior Mike Hudson and sophomore Craig Miller have starting experience. Senior Sean Coleman returns at strong safety, but will be challenged by redshirt freshman Vashon Garman.

The kicking game is among the best in the West, and perhaps the nation. Senior Micah Knorr connected on 12-of-19 field-goal attempts and 25-of-28 PATs en route to being named first-team All-Big West. Senior punter Nathan Morreale averaged 39.9 yards. Smith says both "have a chance to kick in the NFL."

Running back Wilson returned nine kickoffs for a 17.0-yard average and senior Jason Bandy ran back 19 punts at a 9.3 clip.

If Utah State is to reverse its record of last fall, there is one area of play that must be dramatically improved — penalties. The Aggies were flagged 116 times (by comparison, the next most-penalized Big West team was New Mexico State with 87) for 1,131 lost yards (102.8 yards per game).

The schedule is daunting. The first six games feature WAC powers Utah and BYU, Big 12 members Texas Tech and Oklahoma State and Conference USA foe Southern Miss.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (3)

WR	80	Shawn Turner (Sr., 3); 81 D.J. Lewis (Fr., 0)
WR	82	Aaron Frazier (Sr., 1); 37 Jason Bandy (Sr., 1)
WT	78	Mauricio Jordan (Jr., 0); 69 Joe German (So., 1)
WG	57	Mike Lindsay (Fr., 0); 65 Ken Watts (So., 1)
C	62	Matt Lance (Fr., 0); 51 Brian Shaffer (Fr., 0)
SG	66	Troy Kema (Sr., 1); 75 Jordan Bauerle (Fr., 0)
ST	79	Mark Rommel (Jr., 0); 76 Ben Holbrook (Fr., 0)
TE	88	London McBride (So., 1); 91 Derek Richards (So., 0)
WR	5	Ricky Brumfield (So., 1); 83 Adron Pierson (Fr., 0)
QB	13	Patrick Mullins (Sr., 1); 14 Matt Wells (Sr., 2)
RB	1	Abu Wilson (Sr., 3); Melvin Blue (So., 1)
PK	19	Micah Knorr (Sr., 3)

### DEFENSE (7)

DE	97	Danilo Robinson (Sr., 3); 94 Gregory Stenson (Sr., 1)
LT	73	Walter Fiefla (Jr., 1); 52 Caleb Smith (Fr., 0)
RT	95	Ben Crosland (Jr., 2); 64 Lomi Faavae (Sr., 1)
DE	74	Vaea Fiefla (So., 1); 99 Sean Hansen (Fr., 0)
MLB	44	David Gill (Sr., 3); 41 Jeff Lemmo (Sr., 1)
OLB	43	Derek DeCesare (So., 0); Adam Jones (Jr., 0)
ROV	9	Spencer Waggoner (Sr., 2); 11 Robert Clayton (Jr., 1)
FC	8	Craig Miller (So., 1); 42 Kevin Simmons (Jr., 0)
SS	31	Sean Coleman (Sr., 3); 23 Vashon Garman (Fr., 0)
FS	3	Johndale Carty (So., 1); 36 Jeff Spencer (Jr., 2)
BC	7	Mike Hudson (Sr., 1); 25 Tai Gordon (Sr., 3)
P	15	Nathan Morreale (Sr., 3)

(Fr.) Freshmen; (Sr.) Seniors; (Jr.) Juniors; (So.) Sophomores  
 BOLD indicates returning starters  
 NUMBER After Cuts; Number Letters Won



**Head Coach:** Bob Simmons  
**1995 Record (Big Eight):** 4-8-0 (2-5-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 6th Big 12 South

**A**lthough Oklahoma State didn't achieve the success Bob Simmons had predicted in his first season as head coach, the Cowboys' accomplishments did include a 12-0 win over Oklahoma at Norman. Oklahoma State hadn't defeated its archrival since 1976.

"For Oklahoma State fans and alums that have been agonizing, it's over. We won," Simmons said afterward. "This is a big stepping stone for this program."

The Oklahoma victory wasn't a fluke. The young Cowboys played well down the stretch, particularly against nationally ranked opponents. They lost to Kansas State 23-17, were tied with Colorado in the third quarter before losing 45-32, and lost to Kansas 22-17. Their 30-26 victory at Missouri snapped a 20-game conference winless streak.

Even so, Oklahoma State finished the season ranked 79th nationally in total defense and 78th in scoring defense. Despite a solid running game, the Cowboys ranked 92nd in total offense.

The Cowboys do have some momentum on which to build and leading the charge will be senior quarterback Toné Jones, who will begin fall camp atop the depth chart, based on his three seasons of starting experience and a solid performance during the spring. Jones goes into his final season needing fewer than 500 passing yards to move up to No. 2 on the Cowboys' career list. Last season, Jones completed 104-of-218 passes for 1,185 yards and seven touchdowns. But he threw 11 interceptions, had one of the lowest pass-efficiency ratings in the Big Eight and was sacked 14 times.

David Thompson is among the best runners in the Big 12, if not the nation. The senior tailback carried 256 times for 1,509 yards and eight touchdowns last season. He ranked second in the Big Eight in rushing yards, behind Iowa State's Troy Davis, and was one of only two players to rush for 100 or more yards against Nebraska. He also ground out 181 yards against the nation's top-ranked defense: Kansas State's. Thompson, a first-team All-Big Eight selection, needs 1,206 rushing yards this season to reach 4,000 for his career.

Junior Andre Richardson would be a star tailback just about anywhere else. Richardson rushed for 705 yards and four touchdowns as Thompson's backup, was second on the team in pass receiving with 17 catches for 145 yards and earned all-conference honorable mention.

Junior tight end Alonzo Mayes was second-team All-Big Eight after leading the Cowboys in receiving. He caught 32 passes for 421 yards and four touchdowns in 11 games.

Sophomore Terrance Richardson, younger brother of running back Andre, caught 10 passes for 169 yards in 10 games as a true freshman last fall. The other wideout is senior Kent Luck.

Redshirt freshman Cameron White appears to be the best of the young receivers. White might be well on his way to star status if he hadn't suffered a knee injury last fall. White was expected to play as a true freshman but instead spent the



R.W. McQuarters

season rehabilitating as a redshirt. He participated in spring practice without problems.

The rushing totals of Thompson and Andre Richardson speak well of the offensive line. The unit is led by seniors Derek Leinen and Josh Henson, and junior Calvin Menephee who provide a veteran base. Leinen and Henson started every game last season at tackle and guard respectively. Henson, however, was moved to center during the spring. Menephee started 10 games at the other tackle.

Sophomore Jeremy Offutt started two games at tackle but was moved to guard in the spring. Redshirt freshman Adam Davis emerged from the practice sessions as the top candidate at the other guard and has outstanding potential.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Cowboys

have six starters back, including three defensive backs. The secondary, no doubt the strength of the defense, is led by outstanding cornerback R.W. McQuarters, a sophomore, and seniors Courtney Garner and Trent Fisher. McQuarters, who has also seen action at receiver, started every game except the opener against Nebraska, finishing with 62 tackles, three interceptions and five pass break-ups. Garner, the strong safety, started the last seven games. Fisher, the free safety, started every game and finished second on the team in tackles with 91.

Senior cornerback Jitu Criddle, who has 4.3 speed, has started, as has senior Kevin Williams.

There is some experience returning on the line. Senior Jay Grosfield and sophomore Jamal Williams are proven players at two of the three positions up front. Grosfield started 10 games last season, finishing with 48 tackles and a team-high seven sacks for 58 yards in losses. He also recovered a fumble. Williams started only three games but was a regular in the Cowboys' rotation. He made 73 tackles, including eight for losses totaling 17 yards. Williams was second on the team to Grosfield in sacks with six for 34 yards in losses.

Sophomore Billy Ensey went into spring practice listed first on the depth chart at right defensive end, but junior Brandon Ashley, a transfer from Tennessee, could be the starter by the opener.

Senior Louis Adams started every game at outside linebacker. He made 44 tackles, intercepted a pass and broke up a team-high seven passes. Sophomore Tarell Knauls had an outstanding practice period and should end up as a starter along with Adams. Sophomores Andre Waddle and Jermaine Birdow, and redshirt freshman Tom Bensen are among the young players who will compete in the fall for playing time at outside linebacker.

Sophomores Josh Green and Billy Stone saw significant playing time as true freshmen and will start at strong-side and weak-side linebacker.

Jason Davis, a juco transfer, will replace Greg Ivy, who helped Oklahoma State rank fourth nationally in net punting in 1995. Davis averaged 43 yards per punt. Redshirt freshman Tim Sydnies, who kicked an Oklahoma high school record 63-yard field goal, will do the placekicking.

McQuarters led the Big Eight in kickoff returns, averaging 24.1 yards on 32 returns. Andre Richardson was the Cowboys' punt returner. Oklahoma State has ample room for improvement in punt returns after ranking 99th nationally last season.

Simmons put Oklahoma State through an extremely physical spring practice. One scrimmage lasted some 200 snaps. He means business. "We're going to build a solid program, and we're going to do it right — through recruiting, through freshmen," he said, when he took the job.

Simmons recruited well and has some freshmen who could step in immediately. The Cowboys could continue to improve in 1996 and yet their record might not be much better than last season because of the strength of the Big 12.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (7)

WR	24	Terrance Richardson (So., 1); 80 Willie Grissom (So., 1)
TE	85	Alonzo Mayes (Jr., 2); 89 Jack Golden (So., 1)
LT	64	Derek Leinen (Sr., 3); 74 Chris Lewis (So., 1)
LG	86	Adam Davis (Fr., 0); 75 Jim Villanueva (Jr., 1)
C	62	Josh Henson (Sr., 2); 51 David Snow (Jr., 1)
RG	70	Jeremy Offutt (So., 1); 73 Blaine Cook (Fr., 0)
RT	71	Calvin Menephee (Jr., 2); 77 Andrew Golembowski (Fr., 0)
WR	19	Kent Luck (Sr., 2); 82 Adam Edwards (Fr., 0)
QB	9	Toné Jones (Sr., 3); 11 Chris Chaloupka (Fr., 0)
TB	28	David Thompson (Sr., 3); 25 Andre Richardson (Jr., 2)
FB	30	Brian Aikens (So., 1); Marcus Whitehead (So., 0)
PK	31	Tim Sydnies (Fr., 0)

### DEFENSE (6)

LE	96	Jay Grosfield (Sr., 3); 55 Russell Ensey (So., 0)
NG	99	Jamal Williams (So., 1); Courtney Mallory (Fr., 0)
RE	66	Billy Ensey (So., 1); Brandon Ashley (Jr., 0)
OLB	2	Louis Adams (Sr., 3); 42 Andre Waddle (So., 1)
WLB	44	Billy Stone (So., 1); 52 Ryan Cambern (Sr., 2)
SLB	54	Josh Green (So., 1); 53 Taber LeBlanc (So., 1)
OLB	88	Tarell Knauls (So., 1); 33 Jermaine Birdow (So., 1)
LC	26	Jitu Criddle (Sr., 2); 29 J.B. Flowers (Fr., 0)
FS	15	Trent Fisher (Sr., 3); 5 Kevin Williams (Sr., 3)
SS	20	Courtney Garner (Sr., 1); 10 Trent Alexander (Jr., 1)
RC	17	R.W. McQuarters (So., 1); 20 Terrance Vaughn (Fr., 0)
P		Jason Davis (Jr., 0)

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**Head Coach:**  
**1995 Record (ACC):**  
**1996 Pick:**

**Fred Goldsmith**  
**3-8-0 (1-7-0)**  
**8th ACC**

After a sparkling 1994 season that saw Duke finish 8-4 and play in the Hall of Fame Bowl, and first-year coach Fred Goldsmith garner national and ACC Coach of the Year honors, the Blue Devils tumbled to 3-8 (1-7 in the Atlantic Coast Conference) last fall.

Goldsmith probably did a better coaching job last year, but everything that went right in '94 went wrong last season. Now begins the real Goldsmith era at Duke. His own recruits have had a redshirt year and are ready to make a contribution, and the coaching staff is settled after some changes. The Blue Devils will be young and spirited.

Duke must replace one of the nation's top passers, Spence Fischer, only the second quarterback in ACC history to throw for more than 9,000 yards. Fischer finished his collegiate career ranked 17th on the NCAA's all-time total offense list and 24th in passing yardage.

The likely successors are junior Dave Green, Fischer's backup, and sophomore Matt Rader. The two battled during the spring, and the duel will continue until the season opener against Florida State.

Goldsmith is delighted with the number and ability of his running backs. And once again he plans to use them in two- and one-back sets. Goldsmith's offensive alignment features an A-back and a B-back. The A-back can be used as a wide receiver or runner. The B-back is a tailback. Some of the runners are interchangeable. Juniors Matt DeOrio and Charles London can play both positions.

Another junior, Laymarr Marshall, was the leading rusher last year with 708 yards and 13 touchdowns. Marshall and London combined to give the Devils 1,000 yards from B-back. Sophomore Reco Owens was effective at A-back. He became the team's go-to receiver, snagging 24 passes for 239 yards. Junior Jeff Hodrick (34 catches as a tight end last year) will see time at A-back as well.

The receiving corps is one of the Blue Devils' real strengths with most of the regulars back. As a freshman, wideout Corey Thomas caught 37 passes for 558 yards and a team-high eight touchdowns, and appeared headed for All-ACC honors. Ankle and foot problems set him back, but he still had a solid sophomore season with 45 receptions and six TDs. The surprise of the year was wideout Marc Wilson, who as a junior led the team in catches with 47 for 531 yards and two scores. Senior Gerald Ford (11 catches) is the tight end.

The main loss on the offensive line was three-year starter Jeroen Egge at center. Otherwise, the offensive line returns experience, size and quickness. Junior Chad Melita and senior Patrick Mannelly are two of the best guards in the ACC. Melita is a third-year starter, and Mannelly played with an injured shoulder but still had a solid season. With a year's experience and shoulder surgery during the off-season, he could have his best year. Senior Erik Dunlap can play at guard or tackle.

Senior Phillip Chappell is back to play left



tackle, and the right tackle job could be a toss-up between sophomore Lennie Friedman and redshirt freshman Austin Smithwick. Center is unsettled. Junior John Gordon, a backup to Egge, could face a challenge from sophomore Aaron Duke.

The Blue Devils are virtually starting from scratch along the defensive front, but "we have tremendous potential," according to Goldsmith. "The kids we're looking at can run better and longer than those we've had there in the past. They're beating the old times by 10-20 seconds. They're good athletes, basketball types."

Redshirt freshman Chris Combs is 6-6 but runs like a linebacker. He's got a shot at one end but the likely starter is senior Curtiss Bunch. At the other end, sophomore Chris Ruzic could be a factor.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (7)

SE	8	Corey Thomas (Jr., 2); 16 Dominique Flemming (Sr., 3)
LT	66	Phillip Chappell (Sr., 3); 78 Adam Padgett (Fr., 0)
LG	55	Patrick Mannelly (Sr., 3); 63 Erik Dunlap (Sr., 0)
C	62	John Gordon (Jr., 2); 57 Aaron Duke (So., 0)
RG	64	Chad Melita (Jr., 2); 75 Rob Hines (Fr., 0)
TE	74	Lennie Friedman (So., 1); 56 Austin Smithwick (Fr., 0)
RT	86	Gerald Ford (Sr., 3); 84 Tory Liferidge (Fr., 0)
QB	11	Dave Green (Jr., 0); 17 Matt Rader (So., 1)
AB	3	Reco Owens (So., 1); 9 Jeff Hodrick (Jr., 2)
BB	32	Laymarr Marshall (Jr., 2); 35 Charles London (Jr., 2)
FL	14	Marc Wilson (Sr., 2); 81 Joe Opalenick (Jr., 2)
PK	12	Sims Lenhardt (Fr., 0)

### DEFENSE (3)

DE	95	Curtiss Bunch (Sr., 3); 93 Chris Combs (Fr., 0)
NG	81	Eric Scanlan (So., 1); 72 Andy Bryant (Fr., 0)
DE	96	Chris Ruzic (So., 1); 82 Joey Bachstein (Fr., 0)
OLB	99	Brian McCormack (So., 1); 83 Jim Sitter (Sr., 1)
MLB	54	Chike Egbuniwe (Jr., 2); 44 Ryan Stallmeyer (Fr., 0)
ILB	52	Billy Granville (Sr., 3); 45 Jim Kovach (So., 1)
OLB	90	LeVance McQueen (Jr., 2); 42 Lyle Burdine (So., 0)
LC	20	Kenan Holley (So., 1); 28 Alonzo Moyer (Fr., 0)
ROV	13	Darius Clark (Fr., 0); 40 Brian Krenzel (So., 0)
FS	6	Tawambi Settles (Jr., 2); 23 Eric Jones (Fr., 0)
RC	2	Brandon Pollock (Sr., 3); 24 Desi Thomas (So., 1)
P	19	John Krueger (Sr., 3)

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Pushing him is redshirt freshman Joey Bachstein.

There is some experience at nose guard. Sophomore Eric Scanlan started half of the games in '95 and notched 34 tackles, three for losses.

The linebacking positions will boast a new cast. The outside is young, quick, spirited and talented. Junior LeVance McQueen (43 tackles) could make a difference if he regains his academic eligibility. Duke hopes injury-plagued senior inside linebacker Billy Granville will regain his All-ACC form of two years ago.

Sophomore Chris Norkus, one of the quickest "backers on the squad, is a fine prospect on the outside. So is fellow sophomore Lyle Burdine, who got hurt on the third day of practice, underwent knee surgery and missed the '95 season. Kevin Lewis is another challenger for the bandit linebacker spot.

**The receiving corps is one of the Blue Devils' real strengths as most of the regulars are back.**

Says Goldsmith, "If McQueen gets back, I can't see keeping four players at the bandit position. We'd probably move somebody inside."

The top Devil at the kat linebacking post is sophomore Brian McCormack, who started the season finale against North Carolina. The inside positions are a little thin. Projected starters are Granville, who had 70 stops despite missing five games due to injuries, and junior Chike Egbuniwe, the team's leading returning tackler with 84.

Keep an eye on redshirt freshman Ryan Stallmeyer. Sophomore Jim Kovach is back after shoulder surgery and could be a major contributor.

All-ACC safety Ray Farmer is gone, but the Blue Devils should have ample replacements. Junior free safety Tawambi Settles placed high in almost every defensive category. His 76 tackles were fourth-best on the team.

Redshirt freshmen Darius Clark and Eric Jones, and sophomore Brian Krenzel will battle for the rover (strong safety) spot. Senior Brandon Pollock (13 tackles) and sophomore Kenan Holley (22 stops) are pencilled in at the corners.

Duke has one of the leading punters in the ACC in senior John Krueger, who averaged 40.6 yards on 62 kicks. Placekicker Tom Cochran has graduated, and redshirt freshman Sims Lenhardt should step into his shoes.

Adam Geis, Dominique Flemming and Owens handle the punt returns, and Cedric Tate and Charles London do the same on kickoffs.

Look for Duke to finish somewhere between its 8-4 record of 1994 and its 3-8 mark of last year, battling with Wake Forest to stay out of the ACC cellar. But despite the apparent falloff, Goldsmith is building a solid program. His players are younger and faster, and that could spell trouble for opponents.



**Head Coach:** Fred vonAppen  
**1995 Record (WAC):** 4-8-0 (2-6-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 6th WAC Pacific

The West Coast Offense never ventured this far west.

Fred vonAppen is bringing San Francisco's offensive scheme (he spent 1983-88 on coach Bill Walsh's staff, and the 49ers won two Super Bowls in that stretch) to the islands, marking a dramatic change from Hawaii's option attack.

"I don't know how well our guys will adapt to it, but they're excited about it," says vonAppen.

Bob Wagner had the Rainbows rising when his 1992 team went 11-2-1 and defeated Illinois in the Holiday Bowl. However, the program slipped to 13-22-1 over the next three seasons, including 4-8 last year. The losses and resulting attendance drop cost Wagner his job.

Enter vonAppen, 54, an intriguing personality now in his 16th college or pro coaching position since 1967, with his last stint as Colorado's defensive ends coach. His college coaching stops include Stanford, Oregon, Arkansas, Pittsburgh, UCLA, Virginia Tech and Linfield (Ore.), his alma mater.

VonAppen, whose interests include classical music and literature, is best known for a demanding approach to the game.

"He'll bring a disciplined, hard-nosed style of football to Hawaii," says Colorado State defensive coordinator Larry Kerr.

The Rainbow Warriors discovered that last winter, when they participated in 6 a.m. workouts four days a week. It allowed them a chance to show their commitment to the program and an opportunity to attend early morning classes, since they were already out of bed.

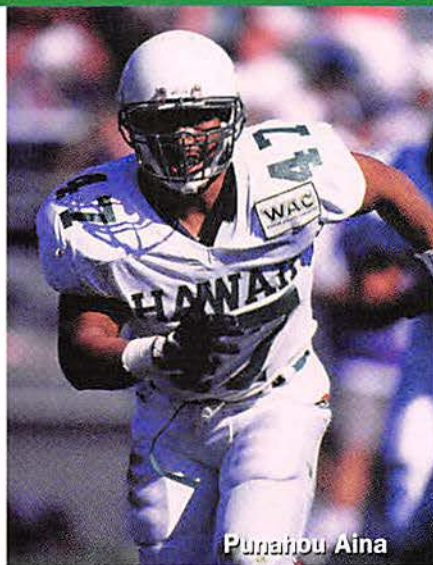
Senior quarterback Glenn Freitas and junior Johnny Macon have substantial experience, but not running this type of offense. Freitas rushed for 12 touchdowns and led the nation in scoring for a month in the season's middle, but he attempted only 63 passes in nine games. Macon did the most passing of Hawaii's four quarterbacks but completed only 45 percent of his tosses.

Former NFL quarterback Guy Benjamin, the Rainbows Warriors' offensive coordinator, is charged with molding Freitas and Macon into dropback passers. The 49ers are extremely popular in Hawaii, creating excitement for the new offense, but Rainbow fans should not expect to cheer on anybody resembling Steve Young.

With Brett Washington and Tupu Alualu gone, the Rainbows start fresh with a two-back set that replaces the old scheme of one true back and two slotbacks, operating mostly as receivers.

The first chore for Benjamin and the offensive staff was to evaluate their tailbacks and fullbacks. During spring practice, sophomore Russell Grant had the inside track at tailback with senior Tony Thomas as backup. At fullback, senior Paul Purdy and junior Lonn Kalama were running one-two. Junior college transfer Aidsand Riggins could make an immediate impact as a running back.

Sophomore wide receiver Dillan Micus tallied 31 catches last season, runner-up to Eddie Klaneski with 36. Micus should thrive in the new offense.



Punahou Aina

He caught six passes for 145 yards against Air Force, including a 77-yard touchdown.

With senior Gerald Lacey and junior Jason Mane also having experience, and Bo Parks transferring from junior college, Hawaii should not have a shortage of competent receivers.

There was no tight end in the former offense. Ryan Green, a senior tight end out of work after Pacific dropped football, transferred. Green and vonAppen may be a perfect fit considering the tight end plays a key role in the 49ers passing scheme that the Rainbow Warriors will employ.

The offensive front could be Hawaii's strength, but the players must learn how to block for a dropback quarterback.

Junior center Shane Oliveira and senior right

guard C.B. Wentling apparently will anchor the line, with sophomore Bobby Singh at left guard, freshman Kaulana Noa at left tackle and sophomore Hauoli "Joe" Wong returning at right tackle. No matter how clever Benjamin's scheme is, it will not work unless the line responds. Hawaii was eighth in the WAC in total offense last year.

Defensive coordinator Don Lindsey, best known for his work at Southern California, will incorporate different looks up front and adjust to down-and-distance situations. He'll have to be flexible because, as vonAppen says, "We don't have enough front people."

Run-stopping trouble led to Hawaii's No. 7 WAC ranking in total defense.

In a three-man line last season, junior Brian Chapman played considerably at nose guard. Sophomore Ben Bright and junior Morrie Roe had experience at tackle and end respectively.

In vonAppen's first spring sessions at Hawaii, Chapman was starting at left end with Roe No. 2 at the position. Kone Salavea, a senior, apparently has won the job at nose tackle, and junior Gavin Hess was the leader at right end.

VonAppen's staff heavily recruited junior college linebackers, with junior outside linebacker Punahou Aina (second on the team with 6.5 tackles a game) the only returning starter. After spring workouts, sophomore Peter Salavea was the starter in the middle and senior Lesa Maiava was inside.

The Hawaii secondary was struggling at the end of the last year. Considerable changes in the depth chart might occur as the team nears its opening game. However, sophomore cornerbacks Jonathan Barretto and Ronnie Camacho, senior free safety Niko Vitale and junior rover Gary Graham were getting a lot of attention in the spring. Cornerback Doe Henderson also returns after missing the 1995 season with a back injury. He has amassed 147 tackles in 33 career games.

Senior kicker Carlton Oswalt made 7-of-9 field goals attempted. Sophomore punter Chad ShROUT (38.6-yard average) nailed a 78-yarder. Lacey averaged 20.4 yards on 10 kickoff returns.

It will take a while for vonAppen to find the personnel to make his scheme work. As he says, "We want to have a disciplined, well-oiled machine, but whether we get to that very quickly, I don't know."

The Rainbow Warriors should return to playing aggressively and spiritedly, creating interest in Honolulu and making Aloha Stadium a hostile environment for foes, but they're a long way from contending in their division. The new staff will have to work hard to develop young players.

"There's a lot of time left to coach them," vonAppen says.

The key to this season is improving from week to week as the players become more familiar with the new offense and its intricacies.

"It's going to be a transition for them, because they've been an option team for so long," says Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (7)

WR	1	Dillan Micus (So., 1); 6 Jason Mane (Jr., 2)
LT	71	Kaulana Noa (Fr., 0); 63 Adrian Klemm (Fr., 0)
LG	76	Bobby Singh (So., 1); 78 Conrad Paulo (Jr., 2)
C	65	Shane Oliveira (Jr., 2); 73 Sione Tafuna (Fr., 0)
RG	58	C.B. Wentling (Sr., 1); 68 Andrew Phillips (Fr., 0)
RT	70	Hauoli Wong (So., 1); 59 Josefa Pua'auli (Fr., 0)
TE	84	Ryan Green (Sr., 0); 16 Gary Ellison (Jr., 2)
QB	2	Johnny Macon (Jr., 2); 12 Glenn Freitas (Sr., 3)
WR	85	Gerald Lacey (Sr., 3); 3 Jason Vaughn (So., 0)
FB	42	Paul Purdy (Sr., 1); 22 Lonn Kalama (Jr., 2)
TB	31	Russell Grant (So., 0); 8 Tony Thomas (Sr., 2)
PK	37	Carlton Oswalt (Sr., 2)

### DEFENSE (5)

LE	53	Brian Chapman (Jr., 2); 35 Morrie Roe (Jr., 1)
LT	79	Ben Bright (So., 1); 99 Kasey Jackson (Fr., 0)
NT	98	Kone Salavea (Sr., 0); 92 Tony Tuoti (Fr., 0)
RE	91	Gavin Hess (Jr., 0); 83 Ellie Kapine (Jr., 2)
OLB	47	Punahou Aina (Jr., 2); 38 Kamuela Cobb-Adams (So., 0)
MLB	13	Peter Salavea (So., 0); 19 Mark Jenkins (Jr., 2)
ILB	52	Lesla Maiava (Sr., 2); 17 Greg Roach (Sr., 2)
ROV	44	Gary Graham (Jr., 1); 41 Mike Langford (Jr., 0)
LC	26	Jonathan Barretto (So., 1); 25 Doe Henderson (Sr., 2)
FS	9	Niko Vitale (Sr., 0); 43 Damien Arafiles (So., 0)
RC	42	Ronnie Camacho (So., 1); 27 Al Hunter (Jr., 1)
P	26	Chad ShROUT (So., 0)

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**Head Coach:**  
**1995 Record (SEC):**  
**1996 Pick:**

**Bill Curry**  
**4-7-0 (2-6-0)**  
**6th SEC East**

**A**mid the forecasts of blue-hued doom for 1995, Kentucky coach Bill Curry never flinched. His chiseled jaw didn't quiver. His self-assurance and resolve were rewarded with a 4-7 season, not what he had hoped for, but good enough to quiet talk of his impending departure.

"I learned a long time ago to not waste my time by listening to all those so-called experts who want to tell you what's going to happen before it happens," Curry says. "People on the outside have no true understanding of what goes on inside a team."

Curry believes the four wins and some encouraging near-misses — specifically, a 34-31 heart-breaker against Tennessee and four other losses by 10 points or less — serve as a foundation for better days.

Also prominent in that foundation is the arrival of coveted quarterback signee Tim Couch.

But the optimism is tempered by the departure of All-SEC running back Moe Williams, who chose the NFL draft (Minnesota, third round) over his final season at Kentucky. Also gone is Mike Archer, defensive coordinator for the past three years, who joined the NFL's Pittsburgh Steelers.

Prevailing wisdom holds that quarterback Billy Jack Haskins is merely a caretaker until superstar-in-waiting Couch comes of age and learns the plays. But don't sell Haskins short.

Curry acknowledges that Couch has "as much potential as any player we've brought to the University of Kentucky" but adds that he has profound respect for Haskins, whose leadership qualities override some physical shortcomings.

Haskins, a junior, has the respect of his teammates. Before opting for the NFL, Williams classified Haskins' leadership as "unreal . . . he just took over out there."

Haskins played the last two games with a separated shoulder, and his 47-yard touchdown run against Tennessee, on which he bounced off a half-dozen would-be tacklers, was impressive.

In the mix for backup roles are redshirt freshman Greg Hergott and junior Kevin Wright, a transfer from Livingston University.

How do you replace an All-SEC back like Williams, who ran for 1,600 yards and 17 touchdowns? You don't. Senior Raymond McLaurin gets first shot as featured back in offensive coordinator Elliot Uzelac's one-back set, though his relative lack of experience is a concern.

Two redshirt freshmen, Anthony White and Lee Wesley, are also in the picture.

Michael Woodfork, a senior, plays fullback when the 'Cats switch to a two-back set in short-yardage situations.

If there is one position that Kentucky has upgraded in the last couple of years it is wide receiver. Swift sophomore Craig Yeast, who had 24 catches and was named to the Freshman All-SEC team, is an example of the increased speed and skill on the flank that has added diversity to the offense. He teams with junior Kio Sanford,



Tim Couch

Tom Rasmussen

sophomore Kevin Coleman and junior college transfer Marvin Love to provide inviting targets. Love, the California state junior college champion in the 100 meters, could be one of the top newcomers in the SEC.

The Wildcats' basic offense calls for two tight ends, and both regulars are back, senior Isaac Curtis III and junior Marcus Cross. Junior Darrin Clark may start at one tight end.

The offensive line is an area of concern due to injury and disciplinary actions. Junior John Schlarmann, Kentucky's top lineman, suffered a major knee injury in spring practice and is questionable. He might switch from center to left guard when his knee allows it, with sophomore Jason Watts stepping in at center.

Junior Brandon Jackson was dismissed from the team in the spring. Although Curry did not close the door on his return, his absence leaves the line in a state of flux, with senior DeAnthony Honaker moving to the No. 1 unit. Sophomore Jonas Lening starts at right tackle. The left tackle could be sophomore Kris Comstock. Newcomer David De La Peralle also is in the mix.

Left defensive end Kurt Supe, a senior, got off to a fast start last year and was leading the SEC in sacks through three games before suffering a broken arm. He is back at full speed and should be a force on the flank. Sophomore Jason Thomas is the likely starter at the other end, with senior Chris Ward moving inside to defensive tackle.

Junior Thad Corbin, sophomores Mark Jacobs and Quincy Bell, and freshman George Massey figure into the rotation at tackle.

Lack of proven depth is the big concern at line-

**"People on the outside have no true understanding of what goes on inside a team."**

— Bill Curry

backer. Senior Mike Schellenberger led the team in tackles last year and is a sure starter at middle linebacker in the 4-3 defensive set, with junior Lamont Smith playing the left linebacker spot. The third position is uncertain, although junior Dele Ali is the likely starter. Redshirt freshman Anwar Stewart is another possibility.

Defensive backs coach Rick Smith has the added responsibility of defensive coordinator. His promotion comes at a time when he is faced with rebuilding the secondary. Smith hopes senior free safety Van Hiles, who missed much of last season after suffering concussions, can get back up to speed. Junior Littleton Ward and sophomore Tony Woods are also in the picture at cornerback.

Senior Leman Boyd returns at strong safety and is a proven commodity. He recorded 79 tackles and led the team with three interceptions. Senior Kiyu Wilson, who has played most of his career at cornerback, can play free safety as well.

Junior college transfer Tobin Anderson enrolled at midterm and is pushing for the dual role of placekicker and punter. He made 20-of-27 field-goal attempts in junior college. Jimmy Carter, who posted a 35.6-yard average as a freshman, will likely be the punter.

The return game should be exciting, with wideouts Sanford and Yeast the key return men.

Curry's job security may depend on whether Kentucky can replace the close calls of '95 with wins. Since Williams isn't there to carry the 'Cats, Curry may be forced to bring along Couch more quickly than he had hoped.

With four daunting road games (at Florida, Alabama, LSU and Tennessee), Kentucky will have a tough time getting over .500 and doesn't figure to make much headway in the SEC East.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (5)

WR	19	Kevin Coleman (So., 1); 6 Kio Sanford (Jr., 2)
TE	85	Isaac Curtis III (Sr., 3); Larry Coleman (Fr., 0)
LT	70	Kris Comstock (So., 1); David De La Peralle (Fr., 0)
LG	65	John Schlarmann (Jr., 2); 73 Cliff Bailey (Jr., 0)
C	57	Jason Watts (So., 1); Dan Rossman (Fr., 0)
RG	61	DeAnthony Honaker (Sr., 1); 56 David Berringer (So., 1)
RT	64	Jonas Lening (So., 1); 90 Jeremy Streck (So., 0)
TE	88	Darrin Clark (Jr., 1); 86 Marcus Cross (Jr., 2)
WR	24	Craig Yeast (So., 1); 9 Jaysuma Simms (Sr., 3)
QB	7	Billy Jack Haskins (Jr., 1); Tim Couch (Fr., 0)
TB	21	Raymond McLaurin (Sr., 3); 26 Anthony White (Fr., 0)
PK		Tobin Anderson (Jr., 0)

### DEFENSE (6)

LE	54	Kurt Supe (Sr., 3); 55 Jeff Tanner (Sr., 3)
LT	99	Mark Jacobs (So., 1); 78 Quincy Bell (So., 1)
RT	47	Chris Ward (Sr., 3); 68 Thad Corbin (Jr., 2)
RE	96	Jason Thomas (So., 1); Harold Bell (Jr., 0)
LLB	45	Lamont Smith (Jr., 2); 44 David Ginn (Jr., 2)
MLB	49	Mike Schellenberger (Sr., 3); 51 Bob Holmberg (Jr., 1)
RLB	22	Dele Ali (Jr., 2); 38 Anwar Stewart (Fr., 0)
CB	29	Tony Woods (So., 1); 3 Chris Ford (So., 1)
SS	15	Leman Boyd (Sr., 3); 46 Frank Crossman (Jr., 0)
FS	17	Van Hiles (Sr., 3); 1 Kiyu Wilson (Sr., 3)
CB	4	Littleton Ward (Jr., 2); 31 Shamsee Arulogun (Fr., 0)
P	18	Jimmy Carter (So., 1)

(P) INDICATES NUMBER OF RETURNING STARTERS  
BOLD INDICATES RETURNING STARTERS  
NUMBER AFTER CLASS INDICATES LETTERS WON



**Head Coach:** Bill Mallory  
**1995 Record (Big Ten):** 2-9-0 (0-8-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 11th Big Ten

Indiana was the flip side to Northwestern in the Big Ten last season. Everything went right for the Wildcats, who finished 8-0 in league play to advance to the Rose Bowl. But everything went horribly wrong for the Hoosiers, who finished 0-8 in the conference — a return to the "Bad Ol' Days" that seemed behind them.

Northwestern is no more determined this fall to prove that its 1995 season was not a fluke than Indiana is to prove that its '95 campaign was.

Which makes those two teams' Big Ten opener — against each other Sept. 28 in Bloomington — all the more interesting.

Bill Mallory checked into Indiana in 1984 as the Hoosiers' third coach in three years with the program at a nadir (Mallory's first team finished 0-11). Improvement came quickly, and the Hoosiers didn't lose to Northwestern from 1985-94. Until last season, Indiana made six bowl trips (after making only two previously) and recorded six winning seasons, plus two others at 5-6 and another (1986) at 6-5 before a bowl loss to Florida State.

From 1986-94, Mallory's teams won five or more games each year. Only once in 99 seasons before the coach arrived had Indiana's football program won five or more games in four consecutive years. Mallory entered 1995 expecting another solid season: 6-5 and a bowl maybe, 5-6 at worst, 7-4 or 8-3 if things went well. The question mark seemed to be an inexperienced defense.

Surprisingly, the defense did well. However, the offense splintered due to injuries. First, a mostly veteran line couldn't overcome a string of injuries until Game 9 against Northwestern. Next, standout running back Alex Smith was felled for half the season by injuries. Then a knee injury sidelined quarterback Chris Dittoe, who never came close to the production anticipated from him.

Now Mallory regroups, hoping that the offensive line will remain intact and effective this year, that Smith will display the prowess he showed as a freshman (1994) and that Dittoe regains his passing form.

This could be the year the Hoosiers were building toward until the unanticipated collapse last fall. If that was an aberration, prospects could brighten quickly for Indiana — as quickly as they did, say, for Northwestern from '94 to '95.

The responsibility for developing Dittoe, a 6-6 senior, has been handed to new quarterbacks coach Kit Cartwright, who worked with signal-callers at Michigan when 6-5 Todd Collins sparked. Dittoe missed two games and threw for 1,214 yards last year, with just six interceptions (in 196 attempts) but only three touchdown passes.

Mallory would prefer to redshirt incoming freshman Earl Haniford, the highest-rated Indiana high school quarterback since Jeff George. Haniford's four-year high school numbers (11,100 yards, No. 3 all-time nationally; 111 touchdowns, No. 5 all-time) may make shelving him difficult, unless Dittoe reaches the promise Mallory has seen in the big quarterback since Indiana beat Michigan in a recruiting battle for his services five years ago.



Alex Smith

Anthony Thompson was a two-year consensus All-American and Heisman Trophy runner-up, and Vaughn Dunbar was consensus All-America one year and a No. 1 NFL draft pick. Without question, Mallory has had great tailbacks at Indiana.

Smith rates with them, except in luck. Neither Thompson nor Dunbar ever missed a game after assuming starting roles. Smith was comparably durable as a freshman, when his 1,475 yards ranked No. 3 all-time for a rookie (behind Tony Dorsett and Herschel Walker). But injuries hampered him in the spring of '95, in preseason, in midseason and again this spring when a hamstring caused trouble.

"Alex is a difference-maker," Mallory says of the junior tailback. "When you see him go, you see how much you missed him."

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (9)

WR	80	Dorian Wilkerson (Jr., 2); 4 Jean Paul (So., 0)
TE	85	Ben Klusmeyer (Jr., 2); 92 Curt Goode (So., 1)
RT	74	Chris Liwienski (Jr., 2); 78 Craig Robben (Fr., 0)
RG	59	Michael Mihelic (Sr., 3); 65 Matt Snyder (Fr., 0)
C	52	Jay Seib (Sr., 3); 54 Chris Lee (Jr., 2)
LG	60	Tom Lukawski (Sr., 3); 69 George Batallas (Sr., 1)
LT	62	Greg Jenkins (So., 1); 79 Khalfani Banks (Jr., 1)
WR	16	Ajamu Stoner (Sr., 2); 2 Darnell Matthews (So., 1)
QB	14	Chris Dittoe (Sr., 3); 19 Jeff Kim (So., 0)
TB	23	Alex Smith (Jr., 2); 41 Eugene Jones (Fr., 0)
FB	37	Steve Lee (Sr., 3); 40 Chris Gall (So., 1)
PK	90	Bill Manolopoulos (Sr., 3)

### DEFENSE (7)

LE	98	Nathan Davis (Sr., 3); 68 Jason Czap (Fr., 0)
LT	67	Benyard Jones (Jr., 1); 76 Victor Allotey (Jr., 2)
RT	77	Bo Barzilauskas (So., 1); 96 Yeronimo Ciriaco (Fr., 0)
RE	93	Adele Ogunleye (Fr., 0); 87 Aaron Williams (So., 0)
OLB	47	Matt Surface (Sr., 2); 58 Brad Gecina (Fr., 0)
MLB	45	Jamie Baisley (Sr., 3); 49 Al Phillips (Fr., 0)
OLB	55	Jabar Robinson (Fr., 1); 18 James Lamar (So., 0)
FS	27	Eric Allen (Sr., 2); 30 Nathan Rabideau (Sr., 2)
SS	17	Aaron Warnecke (Jr., 2); 13 Kylin Supernaw (Jr., 0)
LCB	31	Joey Eloms (Jr., 2); 6 Patrick Shaw (Fr., 0)
RCB	5	Joe King (Jr., 2); 40 Jason May (Jr., 1)
P	25	Alan Sutkowski (Jr., 1)

(R) indicates Redshirt or Returning Sophomore  
 (SOL) indicates Sophomore  
 (Jr.) indicates Junior  
 (Sr.) indicates Senior

Senior Steve Lee, a virtual third guard at fullback, likely to rush a little more this year, now that a shoulder problem has been corrected. He logged 27 carries for 122 yards last season.

With Dittoe off form and his protection shaky, Indiana's receivers were difficult to grade, but wideout Ajamu Stoner, now a senior, and tight end Ben Klusmeyer, a junior, fell sharply in production. They should get help from junior Dorian Wilkerson and some of the six receivers in the recruiting class.

Only two new offensive linemen were needed going into '95, and all of last year's season-ending starters returned. Neither experience nor size will be a problem, and Mallory thinks some of his returnees, notably senior center Jay Seib and brainy senior guard Tom Lukawski, can be standouts. Joining the pair will be junior tackle Chris Liwienski and senior guard Michael Mihelic. The other tackle will be one of a pair of sophomores, Greg Jenkins or Khalfani Banks.

Senior defensive end Nathan Davis, an All-American shot putter the last two years, may be the Hoosiers' best player. "I know there are other ends on our league that are better known," Mallory says. "Ohio State has two and there's the kid from Wisconsin (Tarek Saleh), but Nate can be as good as there. Nobody embarrassed him last year."

The other end may be redshirt freshman Adele Ogunleye, whose quickness complements Davis' over the all game. Mallory plans to use a combination of four defensive tackles, including former high school All-American Bo Barzilauskas, a sophomore, and junior Benyard Jones.

Senior Jamie Baisley mans the middle linebacker spot, flanked by senior Matt Surface and redshirt freshman Jabar Robinson. Backups include redshirt freshman James Lamar, Al Phillips and Brad Gecina.

For the third straight year, Mallory has moved a corner back to free safety, and spring drills indicated that senior Eric Allen may handle the switch even better than predecessors Lance Brown and Eric Smedley. Both NFL draftees. Junior cornerbacks Joey Eloms and Joe King enjoyed outstanding springs, and junior strong safety Aaron Warnecke led the Hoosiers' tackles with 99.

Placekicker Bill Manolopoulos was All-Big Ten as a freshman, but he injured a shoulder high-fiving after attempting a field goal two years ago. Surgery corrected that problem, and Manolopoulos is expected to be solid as a senior.

Junior punter Alan Sutkowski had to outduel scholarship kickers to earn his job last year, but the walk-on's 42.1-yard average was No. 2 in the Big Ten. Kick coverage was a problem, and it's getting Mallory's attention — to the extent that freshmen may be used to ensure that punts and kickoffs get much better coverage.

The Hoosiers have a chance this season to catapult themselves from league flop to league surprise. The key is passing (Dittoe) and rushing (Smith). If the Hoosiers can score, they can win. Their defense should be Big Ten-competitive, and Davis may be getting NFL and All-America looks.



**Head Coach:** Jim Caldwell  
**1995 Record (ACC):** 1-10-0 (0-8-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 9th ACC

It was not a time for faint hearts.

As defeat followed defeat in a 1-10 season, Wake Forest coach Jim Caldwell was sorely tempted to strip the red shirts from the 20 promising freshmen he'd stored for future program insurance. He set his jaw and resisted.

"I'd made up my mind I wasn't going to use redshirt freshmen, though it was tempting and we had some injuries," Caldwell says. "Sometimes you have to take a step backward for the (long-term) welfare and development of a program."

Result: Though the Demon Deacons' program is still in the building phase, Caldwell will have the most depth he's had at Wake Forest since he took the job in 1993. Not only that, but he has recruited more speed and size.

"Because of our youth and inexperience, we should show improvement as the season moves on," says Caldwell. "We are basically an underclass team, but I think our talent level has definitely improved."

Because of an unproductive running game, the Deacons finished 1995 under a barrage of Rusty LaRue aerials. As a senior last year, LaRue set NCAA records by completing 146 passes for 1,524 yards in the last three games of the season as the Deacons scored 72 points. Unfortunately, opponents scored 118 and won all three.

Sophomore Brian Kuklick returns from a medical redshirt year to lay claim to the quarterback job. He had won the starting assignment by the second game of '95, against Tulane, then suffered a broken arm and was lost for the season. Says Caldwell, "He has all the tools: arm strength, knowledge of the game and a desire to win. We're excited about him." Kuklick could get a challenge from strong-armed junior David Cerchio.

Senior tailback John Lewis ran for a team-high 304 yards in a lackluster ground attack and also caught 23 passes. He is a strong 228-pounder who bench-presses more than 400 pounds and has 4.6 speed.

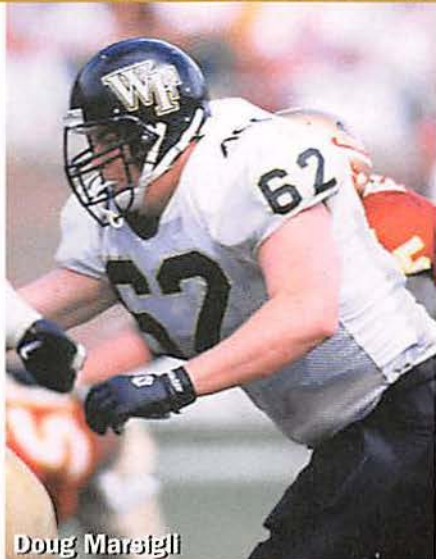
Sophomore Wandé Shaw returns at fullback and will receive competition from seniors Gardell Chavis and LaDwaun Harrison.

Junior Darrell Braswell, who backed up team leader Marlon Estes at flanker, is the top returning pass catcher. He totaled 51 receptions for 557 yards and a touchdown.

The split end position again will be shared by senior Dan Ballou (26 catches, 333 yards, two TDs) and junior Thabiti Davis (36 catches, 415 yards, two TDs). Sophomores Desmond Clark (24 catches, 236 yards, one score) and Brandon Perry are other quality wideouts.

Sophomore Joe Zelenka is the prototype tight end at 6-5, 254, and offers a serious challenge to senior William Clark, who started at that position last season.

Wake Forest's offensive linemen are getting bigger and stronger, and a good example is sophomore tackle Jeff Flowe (6-6, 293), who returns



Doug Marsigli

after missing the '95 season with a knee problem. Elsewhere in the line, returning starters include senior Doug Marsigli and junior Taris Clark at the guards and senior Tony Yarnall at tackle. Senior Bill Leeder moves up at center.

Things are looking up for the troops on the first line of defense. Not only do the Deacons have more numbers, they also have more maturity, size and strength.

Sophomore Kelvin Jones appears to have the inside track at one end. Jones has bench-pressed 460 pounds and is a fierce competitor. He had 19 tackles, including four for losses, and two sacks last year in a reserve role. Junior Chad Alexander, a converted tight end with size and speed, has been moved to defensive end to tap some high-

potential pass-rushing skills and will start opposite Jones.

Junior tackle Robert Fatzinger has developed into a very steady down lineman since moving into the lineup two years ago. His relief is redshirt freshman Kelvin Shackelford. Senior Harold Gragg is running ahead of junior Aljamont Joyner at the other tackle.

"We're depending on Gragg to come through and serve as leader of the front four," says Caldwell. Other tackle possibilities include senior Jerome Simpkins and redshirt freshman Fred Robbins.

Wake always seems to come up with a super linebacker who places among the tackling leaders in the ACC. A few years ago, it was Kevin Giles; last year, it was Tucker Grace and his 128 hits. But Grace has graduated, leaving sophomore Kelvin Moses, the team's second-leading tackler a year ago (101 stops, 11 tackles for losses), to step into the role of Deacon hit man.

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— Jim Caldwell

Junior David Zadel, an end last year, could start at one of the remaining two linebacker spots, and sophomore Jon Mannon, who played one game before suffering a back injury and taking a medical redshirt season, could be a factor at the other.

The Deacons could find more linebacking talent in their growing numbers. The ranks include junior Marquis Taylor, sophomore Mark Makovec, and redshirt freshmen Dustin Lyman, Ben Stafford, Kevin Smith and Abdul Guice. Lyman, in particular, has vast potential. Stafford, a graduate of the same high school in Florida that sent Brian Piccolo to Wake Forest, has been switched from tight end.

The secondary will have to regroup to some extent before the start of the season. The Deacons lost two starting defensive backs but return experience in junior cornerback D'Angelo Solomon and senior strong safety Terrence Suber.

Sophomores Jeffrey Muires and DaLawn Parrish are battling at free safety. Senior Major Griffey is the top candidate at the other cornerback.

Senior placekicker Bill Hollows made good on only 6-of-14 field-goal attempts and may face stiff competition from incoming freshman Matt Burdick. The most likely Deacon punter is sophomore Tripp Moore.

Junior Myles Savage averaged 27.6 yards on nine kickoff returns. Solomon will handle most of the punt returns.

The Demon Deacons will be deeper, bigger and faster, but they remain very young and are breaking in a new quarterback. They could finish in the upper lower division of the conference standings if they can avoid key injuries.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (7)

SE	87	Dan Ballou (Sr., 3); 81 Thabiti Davis (Jr., 2)
LT	60	Jeff Flowe (So., 1); 77 Brian Wallis (Fr., 0)
LG	62	Doug Marsigli (Sr., 3); 60 Sam Settar (Fr., 0)
C	61	Bill Leeder (Sr., 3); 58 Rob Hyman (Jr., 1)
RG	69	Taris Clark (Jr., 1); 65 Chris Gaskell (Jr., 1)
RT	75	Tony Yarnall (Sr., 3); 76 Brian Wolverton (Fr., 0)
TE	85	Joe Zelenka (So., 1); 89 William Clark (Sr., 2)
FL	80	Darrell Braswell (Jr., 2); 83 Desmond Clark (So., 1)
QB	17	Brian Kuklick (So., 1); 12 David Cerchio (Jr., 0)
FB	42	Wandé Shaw (So., 1); 21 Gardell Chavis (Sr., 3)
TB	44	John Lewis (Sr., 2); 26 Herman Lewis (Jr., 2)
PK	15	Bill Hollows (Sr., 3)

### DEFENSE (6)

DE	54	Kevin Jones (So., 1); 56 Rufus Taylor (Fr., 0)
DT	84	Robert Fatzinger (Jr., 2); 73 Kelvin Shackelford (Fr., 0)
DE	98	Harold Gragg (Sr., 3); 95 Aljamont Joyner (Jr., 2)
DT	88	Chad Alexander (Jr., 1); 70 Clinton Wilburn (Fr., 0)
DEM	94	David Zadel (Jr., 2); 48 Mark Makovec (So., 1)
LB	49	Kevin Moses (So., 1); 52 Marquis Taylor (Jr., 1)
LB	55	Jon Mannon (So., 1); 43 Dustin Lyman (Fr., 0)
CB	3	D'Angelo Solomon (Jr., 2); 24 Dameron Daniel (So., 1)
SS	11	Terrence Suber (Sr., 3); 14 Tom Stuetzer (Sr., 3)
FS	5	DaLawn Parrish (So., 1); 38 Jeffrey Muires (So., 1)
CB	25	Major Griffey (Sr., 2); 23 Reggie Austin (Fr., 0)
P	18	Tripp Moore (So., 0)

(Fr.) indicates Freshman or Returnee Statistics

BOLD indicates returning statistics

NUMBER Area Code Indicates Letter Grade



**Head Coach:** Larry Smith  
**1995 Record (Big Eight):** 3-8-0 (1-6-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 6th Big 12 North

After a 30-0 loss to Kansas State last season, Missouri coach Larry Smith announced he was going to revamp and simplify his offense, which had managed only 118 total yards against the Wildcats.

"We're going to have to make some changes, maybe take some things out of the offense," he said.

A week later, the Tigers' restructured offense produced 122 total yards in a 57-0 loss at Nebraska, prompting Smith to remark: "It was a heck of a revamp job, wasn't it? We simplified things for this week, but we can't simplify ourselves so much that we don't give ourselves versatility."

Smith's interest in simplicity was a result of his team's inexperience, which contributed to the penalties and turnovers that, combined with a lack of passing, made Missouri ineffective offensively.

"I don't think anybody in their right mind wouldn't be discouraged or frustrated," Smith said halfway through what would be a 3-8 season. "But I've got a lot of young kids in there, and I've got to keep them going."

The Tigers are still thin in key areas. As a result, Smith's third season in Columbia, Mo., could be just as frustrating as the first two.

Sophomore Corby Jones was going to be red-shirted last season. After the Kansas State game, however, Smith changed his mind.

An option quarterback who was recruited by Nebraska out of high school in Columbia, Mo., Jones played five series against the Cornhuskers and learned "how to take a hit — just get up and don't say anything." With that brief on-the-job training, he became the starter for the final five games.

Jones finished with 368 yards and four touchdowns rushing, on 78 carries. He didn't solve the Tigers' passing problems, however, completing only 14-of-42 for 134 yards, with four interceptions.

Sophomore Kent Skornia, who doesn't run nearly as well as Jones, is the better passer. He completed 22-of-53 for 230 yards and two touchdowns during limited action in seven games. He was intercepted twice.

Even without a passing threat to keep defenses honest, the Tigers were able to run effectively. The primary reason for that was Brock Olivo, who rushed for 985 yards, the fourth-highest single-season total in school history. Olivo, a junior, ran for six touchdowns and led the team in pass receptions with 17 for 101 yards.

Juniors Ron Janes and Ernest Blackwell are big, powerful fullbacks.

Six receivers with starting experience return, including senior tight end Bill Lingerfelt, who earned all-conference honorable mention last season after catching 13 passes for 202 yards. Senior Rahsetnu Jenkins and redshirt freshman Kent Layman earned wideout starts in the spring.



Demontie Cross

Jenkins played in only four games last season after catching 40 passes as a sophomore.

Prior to last season, Smith said he was looking for more agile and athletic offensive linemen. He envisioned an interior line comparable to those at Nebraska and Colorado.

"I'm not looking for 330-pound offensive linemen," Smith said. "I'd rather have a guy 6-4 to 6-7 and 280-290 pounds who can run and play tennis and volleyball and jump."

Senior center Russ Appel and junior guard Mike Morris measure up. Morris has started 20 games since becoming the first true freshman to start in the Tigers' line in nearly 20 years.

Junior tackle Travis Biebel started every game last season alongside Morris. Sophomore Cliff

Smith was challenged in spring practice by Tim Ridgley, a highly regarded redshirt freshman. Sophomores Todd Neimeyer and Craig Heimburger will continue their competition to be the starter at the other tackle when they report in the fall.

The Tigers will be young up front on defense. Junior Brian Cracraft and sophomore Justin Wyatt started 11 games between them at end. Cracraft made 38 tackles (including nine for losses totaling 28 yards) and one sack. Wyatt, due to start opposite Cracraft, had 37 tackles (including five for losses of 16 yards) and two sacks.

Junior nose tackle Donnell Jones saw limited action last fall but will start this year. Jeff Marriott, a redshirt freshman, appeared to have won the defensive guard spot in the spring.

Missouri is solid at inside linebacker with seniors Joe Love and Darryl Chatman. Love fin-

**Even without a passing threat, the Tigers were still able to run effectively.**

ished second on the team in tackles with 119. Chatman, a two-year starter, was credited with 94 tackles, despite being slowed by injuries. He had a career-high 18 tackles against Nebraska. Sophomore Ramone Budgetts started two games at outside linebacker. He tallied 16 tackles, including four for losses of 15 yards (all against Oklahoma).

The Tiger secondary is the strongest part of the defense, with quality players two-deep at every position. Senior free safety DeMontie Cross is the best. A second-team all-conference selection last season, Cross led Missouri in tackles with 144, including 21 against Kansas. He forced five fumbles. He made 13 tackles for 35 yards in losses.

Junior Shad Criss and senior Clayton Baker are solid cornerbacks with exceptional speed. Criss, a converted wide receiver, earned all-conference honorable mention last season. He intercepted two passes and broke up seven others. Baker had four interceptions and broke up four passes. In the spring, sophomore Caldrinoff Easter took over strong safety.

Sophomore Jason Smith punted a school-record 79 times last season, averaging 36.5 yards. Junior Mark Norris was 8-of-12 on field-goal attempts, including 7-of-7 inside 40 yards. Michael Gauthier, an incoming freshman, could handle kickoffs. Potter is a proven punt and kickoff returner, with exceptional speed. Missouri avoided finishing in the Big Eight cellar by itself when it beat Iowa State 45-31 in 1995.

"Missouri is a program that is a year ahead of us in terms of development and just took us apart defensively," Iowa State coach Dan McCarney says. That might be small consolation in the first year of the Big 12.

Missouri and Iowa State almost certainly will find themselves competing to avoid the cellar.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (8)

WR	40	Kent Layman (Fr., 0); 26 Jeremy Brocke (Fr., 0)
LT	61	Travis Biebel (Jr., 1); 64 Chris Meredith (So., 0)
LG	62	Mike Morris (Jr., 2); 73 Mitch Henderson (Jr., 0)
C	50	Russ Appel (Sr., 2); 52 Michael Valadez (Fr., 0)
RG	70	Cliff Smith (So., 1); 67 Tim Ridgley (Fr., 0)
RT	69	Todd Neimeyer (So., 1); 57 Craig Heimburger (So., 1)
TE	85	Bill Lingerfelt (Sr., 3); 88 Jake Stueve (So., 1)
WR	2	Rahsetnu Jenkins (Sr., 3); Jay Murchison (Jr., 2)
QB	7	Corby Jones (So., 1); 18 Kent Skornia (So., 1)
TB	27	Brock Olivo (Jr., 2); 32 Devin West (So., 1)
FB	34	Ron Janes (Jr., 2); 22 Ernest Blackwell (Jr., 2)
PK	16	Mark Norris (Jr., 1)

### DEFENSE (7)

OLB	49	Ramone Budgetts (So., 1); 56 Shawn Sundall (Jr., 2)
LE	59	Brian Cracraft (Jr., 2); 92 Eric Douglas (Sr., 1)
DG	93	Jeff Marriott (Fr., 0); 79 Tim Mittelstadt (So., 1)
NT	9	Donnell Jones (Jr., 1); 76 Rob Riti (Fr., 0)
RE	90	Justin Wyatt (So., 1); 46 Brett Libke (Jr., 0)
ILB	43	Darryl Chatman (Sr., 3); 30 Kevin Ford (Jr., 2)
ILB	45	Joe Love (Sr., 3); 47 Alex Londe (Fr., 0)
CB	5	Shad Criss (Jr., 2); 15 Stephen Scott (Fr., 0)
SS	20	Caldrinoff Easter (So., 1); 12 Terrence Binion (Jr., 1)
FS	9	DeMontie Cross (Jr., 2); Harold Piersley (So., 1)
CB	26	Clayton Baker (Sr., 3); 21 Randy Potter (So., 1)
P	25	Jason Smith (So., 1)

(Fr.) indicates freshmen of previous seasons

BOLD indicates returning starters

NUMBER After C indicates letters won



**Head Coach:**  
**1995 Record:**  
**1996 Pick:**

**Rip Scherer**  
**3-8-0**  
**5th C-USA**

Canada. Home of Toronto's CN Tower (at 1,821 feet the world's tallest self-supporting structure), the Calgary Stampede (one of the world's premiere festivals celebrating the Old West), rocker Neil Young, hockey, grizzly bears, pristine beauty and quality high school football players. Quality high school football players? Why, yes.

Two of the stars from Canada's prep ranks, quarterback Ian Williams and tailback Marcus Jack, will play for the Memphis Tigers this fall.

Second-year Memphis coach Rip Scherer first recruited players from the Great White North as an assistant at Arizona (1989-90) and continued doing so as head coach at James Madison.

"Canadian players are looking for an opportunity to get an education and play American football," he says. "Many of those players may not be extremely familiar with our college game. They may not distinguish between a Michigan and a Memphis."

For a program such as Memphis', any edge is welcome. In fact, Scherer and his staff, in roughly one year, are establishing another edge. They're successfully recruiting the fertile Memphis prep ranks.

The Tigers signed five of Memphis' top 12 players: Kenton Evans, Damien Dodson, Teofilo Riley, Reid Hedgepeth and Austin O'Dell. Furthermore, Memphis was the second choice of Antoine Wellington (Notre Dame) and received strong consideration from at least three of the other six in the top 12. Prior to Scherer's arrival, this was unheard of.

"By all indications, we did what we set out to do," Scherer says of the recruiting class.

Now Scherer and his team must set out to do something even more challenging: compete for the first Conference USA football title.

Memphis will battle Cincinnati, Houston, Louisville, Southern Mississippi and Tulane (and, indirectly, East Carolina, a current Liberty Bowl Alliance member and expected future football member of Conference USA) for the league title and a trip to the Liberty Bowl, the Tigers' home.

Senior quarterback Qadry Anderson started four games, completing 37-of-87 passes (42.5 percent) for 490 yards and one touchdown. Evans, the fourth-leading passer in U.S. prep history (10,519 yards and 112 touchdowns), will challenge.

Many Memphis fans will want to see native son Evans running the show. Evans and Dodson verbally committed last January, stressing to other local prep stars that the University of Memphis program is worth considering. It was a gesture that appealed to local diehards.

"It's a reach when you try to project a freshman to start at quarterback. I want to see Kenton progress at a nice pace," says Scherer, who would not dismiss the chance of Evans starting. "(But) if he emerges, (the experience) will be a bonus down the road."

The leading returning rusher is sophomore Shaun Sands, who gained a modest 155 yards on 40 carries (3.9-yard average). The nephew of Dallas Cowboys star Michael Irvin and brother of Tony Sands (Kansas' all-time leading rusher), Sands missed spring work due to off-season shoulder surgery.



Starting cornerback Keith Cobb is now at tailback and could receive minutes there, as could the powerful Jack, the son of a former Canadian weightlifting champion. Junior fullback Chris Reeves (2.6-yard average) returns and will be pushed by Riley.

The loss of Ryan Roskelley (eligibility completed), Darius Blevins (dismissed from the team but with perhaps a chance to return) and Quitman Spaulding (forwent his final year) is substantial.

Junior split end Chancy Carr (18 catches, 317 yards) and senior flanker Ernest Keefer (12, 198) will try to soften the losses of the aforementioned trio. Dodson, the most prolific pass receiver in U.S. high school history with 4,499 receiving yards and Evans' teammate at Memphis' Westwood High, should garner significant minutes on the flank.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (6)

FL	25	Ernest Keefer (Sr., 3); 81 Brian McDonald (Fr., 0)
TE	40	Kerry Cobb (Sr., 3); 44 Chris Powers (So., 1)
LT	64	Ron Sells (So., 1); 67 Ben Gleason (Sr., 0)
LG	76	Daniel Gomez (Jr., 2); 75 Bucky Buckelew (Fr., 0)
C	63	Ken Newton (Sr., 3); 59 Matt Beiriger (Jr., 0)
RG	68	Josh Miller (Sr., 3); 73 Anthony Bowen (Fr., 0)
RT	74	Justin Mumm (Jr., 0); 62 Ryan Brown (Sr., 1)
SE	17	Chancy Carr (Jr., 2); 86 Richie Floyd (So., 0)
QB	1	Qadry Anderson (Sr., 1); 3 Bernard Oden (Jr., 1)
FB	18	Chris Reeves (Jr., 2); 46 Brandon Tucker (Fr., 0)
TB	5	Shaun Sands (So., 1); 28 Robby Locklear (So., 1)
PK	84	Jimmy Keith (Jr., 2)

### DEFENSE (6)

DE	91	Marquis Bowling (So., 1); 50 Tramont Lawless (Fr., 0)
DT	54	Tim Hart (Sr., 3); 93 Tim Seymour (Fr., 0)
DT	53	Tony Williams (Sr., 3); 96 T.J. Frier (So., 1)
DE	98	Marvin Thomas (Sr., 3); 69 Manny Santibanez (So., 1)
LB	56	Marcus Gary (Sr., 1); 38 Britton Wilkins (Sr., 3)
LB	14	Richard Hogans (Sr., 3); 47 Patrick Stiles (Jr., 2)
LB	37	Jesse Allen (Sr., 3); 52 Michael Boatman (Fr., 0)
CB	13	Duron Sutton (Sr., 1); 26 Mike McKenzie (Fr., 0)
SS	48	Jeremy Stewart (So., 1); 27 Anthony Reddick (Jr., 2)
FS	21	Keith Spann (Sr., 3); 41 Don Haselwood (Jr., 2)
CB	35	Kevin Cobb (Jr., 2); 13 Duron Sutton (Sr., 1)
P	84	Jimmy Keith (Jr., 2)

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Sophomore Chris Powers (five catches, 83 yards) and senior Kerry Cobb will battle for playing time at tight end.

Limited depth and experience may hurt the Memphis offensive front. Sophomore Ron Sells hopes to start at left tackle, while junior Daniel Gomez is set at left guard. Senior Ken Newton returns at center. Also back are senior guard/center Josh Miller, junior center Matt Beiriger and red-shirt freshman guard Bucky Buckelew.

Junior college transfers Ben Gleason and Justin Mumm are expected to earn ample minutes, with the latter possibly starting at right tackle.

Defensively, senior right tackle Tony Williams (72 tackles) is tough. He will be joined on the line by sophomore left end Marquis Bowling, senior left tackle Tim Hart and senior right end Marvin Thomas. It is a competitive and under-rated quartet.

At linebacker, seniors Jesse Allen, Marcus Gary, Richard Hogans, Cedric Miller and Britton Wilkins, and junior Patrick Stiles give the Tigers heady play and fresh bodies to throw at foes.

The typically stout Memphis defense slipped somewhat last fall, yielding 349.6 yards per game (208.9 via air). If the first figure is to be reduced to a more Memphis-like 250-270 yards per contest, the secondary must improve.

Sophomore Jeremy Stewart is the projected starting strong safety. Senior Keith Spann is well-established at free safety. Junior Kevin Cobb (Keith's twin) should start at one corner, with senior Duron Sutton having the edge at the other. Keith Cobb, also a junior, may be returned to the cornerback spot opposite Kevin if depth is needed.

Memphis' field-goal kicking and punting were woeful. However, junior Jimmy Keith (5-of-8 field goals) did progress as the season went on. Junior Drew Pairamore nailed 10-of-11 extra points. The punter will be either Keith or freshman Jason Kellen. Kevin Cobb is a fine kick returner (20.2).

Last season's 3-8 mark and mediocre home-attendance average (19,926) may temper somewhat the enthusiasm for this season, but there is now a sense of hope in the Bluff City. With the move to C-USA and the improvement of relations between the Memphis coaching staff and those of the city's talent-laden prep programs, recruiting should continue to move forward.

As for this season, six wins would be a major success. There are serious question marks at quarterback and running back, and with the offensive line, secondary and kicking game. Many Tiger fans are hoping that the defense returns to the blitzing style it used in the early 1990s. With Memphis' defensive quickness and lack of size, the blitz could prove an effective weapon.

East Carolina coach Steve Logan, whose Pirates have drilled Memphis the past two seasons, feels the Tigers have a bright future, noting, "Nationally, a lot of people don't realize how tough Memphis is. I do because I coach against them. We get excited to play Memphis."



**Head Coach:** Ken Hatfield  
**1995 Record (SWC):** 2-8-1 (1-6-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 5th WAC Mountain

**W**ho says you can't go home again? Certainly not Rice coach Ken Hatfield, who has now done it twice.

First, Hatfield, who coached at Arkansas from 1984-89, returned to the Southwest Conference two years ago. Now that the SWC is just a memory, Hatfield is staying at Rice but returning to the Western Athletic Conference, where he coached at Air Force from 1978-83, the last five years as head coach.

"I'm probably more excited about playing in the WAC than anybody else," Hatfield says. "I've been through this before. At Air Force in 1980, our game against Colorado State was the first time that any service academy had played in a conference. It was a groundbreaking for a different reason. Here at Rice, it's a new era for the new century."

"For our staff, it's not like we're new kids on the block. Of the six new (WAC) teams, I probably have the greatest appreciation of the league."

Rice's first WAC game will be on the road against Air Force. The Owls return 49 of 69 lettermen from last year's 2-8-1 team (1-6 for sixth place in the Southwest Conference swan song), including eight starters on offense, five on defense and both kickers.

Hatfield expects the offense and kicking game to be strengths. The rushing offense should be one of the best in the nation after finishing 13th statistically in 1995. Conversely, he is looking for improvement on defense, especially on pass-rushing situations.

Strange as it seems, the departure of quarterback Josh LaRocca may be a blessing of sorts. LaRocca missed the last four games with an injury, leaving those starts to be split between junior Chad Nelson and sophomore Raphael Tillman, who have remarkably similar styles.

"We'll be able to have one style of offense," Hatfield says. "For the past two years, we had two different styles, one for Josh and one for Chad and Raphael. Having all our quarterbacks with similar strengths will help us with our offensive scheme."

The first option in Hatfield's triple option is the fullback, and Rice returns seniors Jamey Whitlock (395 rushing yards) and Spencer George (287). Junior Benji Wood, a transfer from Clemson, joins them. Whitlock was the second-leading ground-gainer behind departed halfback Yoncy Edmonds. Seven players rushed for more than 100 yards last year, and five are back.

Sophomore Michael Perry (252 all-purpose yards against Texas) leads an experienced group of halfbacks. Three others started at least one game a year ago: sophomore Keilone Gordon, junior Byron Godfrey and senior Ryan Woods.

Junior Jeff Venghaus (22 receptions, 371 yards) heads a receiving corps that includes senior wide-out Derris Wilmington and sophomore Thad Bridges. Venghaus also played for Rice's nationally ranked baseball team.



Ndukwe Kalu

One position without experienced players is tight end, but Hatfield has high hopes for converted linebacker Mike Jones and former defensive end Kevin Conrad, both juniors.

Rice's offensive problems in 1995 started in the preseason when All-America guard Chris Cooley was felled by an elbow injury and missed the season. Cooley's appeal for a sixth season in 1996 was disallowed, and his absence enabled some young linemen to mature.

Five defensive starters return, headed by senior center Jeremy Thigpen, who received All-SWC mention. Junior tackle Mark Spinner could be outstanding; sophomore guards Mike Victor and Charles Torello have bright futures.

The other tackle will be sophomore Shan Jack-

son or one of a pair of juniors, Richard Williams and Robert Stovall.

Despite some hefty losses on defense, Rice returns several outstanding players. One of them is senior end Ndukwe Kalu, who already owns the school's career sack record (15). Despite constant double-teaming, Kalu registered seven sacks among his 42 tackles last season after setting a school record with eight sacks in 1994. The emergence of junior Andy Clifton at the other end should relieve some pressure from Kalu.

Junior Larry Thompson is a returning starter at the nose position. Fellow junior Russell Streeter and senior Jason Winship have starting experience at tackle, where someone must fill the hole created by the loss of Brynton Goines.

For four years, now-departed Larry Izzo, All-SWC in 1995, and Joe Davis were familiar faces at linebacker. That leaves steady senior Derrick

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— Ken Hatfield

Williams in the middle as the only holdover.

At the stud linebacker, sophomore Rashad Reynolds started two games when Davis was injured. Sophomore Thomas Benford could move there after starting the final three games in the middle. Senior Kevin Masek may fill the bandit spot.

The only returning regular in the secondary is senior cornerback Warrick Franklin. Franklin led the team with three interceptions (he returned one for a touchdown) and nine pass breakups.

At the other corner is sophomore LaDoughphyous Shaw. There are question marks at the safety positions, however. Senior Aaron Stanley (two starts last year and 11 in 1994) should regain one spot. The other probably will go to freshman Karlton Bedford or junior Kevin Brabham.

Senior punter Tucker Phillips (All-SWC in '95 with a 43.6-yard average) will love the mountain air when Rice visits Air Force and BYU.

Senior placekicker Mike Ruff made 9-of-14 field-goal attempts and all 19 PATs, but his range is limited. Incoming freshman Scott Grimes could win the job.

Perry returned kicks, averaging 18.3 yards on kickoff returns and 9.2 on punts.

Says Hatfield: "Probably the most positive aspect of the WAC for our football team is knowing that numerous schools have won championships in the last few years. That gives us a confidence level that we have a chance to go in and compete immediately. It's not like joining a league with a dominant team, like Nebraska in the Big 12."

Rice hasn't gone to a postseason game since the 1961 Bluebonnet Bowl. The end of that streak might be getting closer.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (8)

WR	81	Jeff Venghaus (Jr., 2); 9 Thad Bridges (So., 1)
LT	71	Mark Spinner (Jr., 2); 79 Richard Williams (Jr., 1)
LG	52	Mike Victor (So., 1); 69 Alex Morris (Jr., 1)
C	53	Jeremy Thigpen (Sr., 3); 56 Ben Westcott (Jr., 0)
RG	62	Charles Torello (So., 1); 64 Chase Allen (Jr., 2)
RT	78	Shan Jackson (So., 1); 51 Robert Stovall (Jr., 0)
TE	88	Mike Jones (Jr., 2); 91 Kevin Conrad (Jr., 1)
WR	85	Derris Wilmington (Sr., 2); 80 Jason Blackwell (So., 1)
QB	11	Chad Nelson (Jr., 2); 14 Raphael Tillman (So., 1)
HB	8	Michael Perry (So., 1); 24 Spencer George (Sr., 3)
FB	17	Jamey Whitlock (Sr., 2); 32 Benji Wood (Jr., 0)
PK	30	Mike Ruff (Sr., 2)

### DEFENSE (5)

DE	1	Ndukwe Kalu (Sr., 3); 74 Julian Duncan (So., 1)
DT	59	Jason Winship (Sr., 3); 97 Andrew Hughes (So., 1)
NG	54	Larry Thompson (Jr., 2); 92 Yinka Adeniji (Fr., 0)
DE	82	Andy Clifton (Jr., 2); 98 Mark Lodge (Fr., 0)
ILB	44	Rashad Reynolds (So., 1); 50 Casey Collum (Fr., 0)
ILB	55	Thomas Benford (So., 1); 48 Derrick Williams (Sr., 3)
OLB	16	Kevin Masek (Sr., 2); 87 Terrence Melton (So., 1)
LCB	21	Warrick Franklin (Sr., 3); 28 Bo Valles (Jr., 2)
LS	3	Aaron Stanley (Sr., 3); 46 Larry Ruffin (Fr., 0)
RG	35	Karlton Bedford (Fr., 0); 40 Kevin Brabham (Jr., 2)
RCB	22	LaDoughphyous Shaw (So., 1); 19 David Grenardo (So., 1)
P	6	Tucker Phillips (Sr., 3)

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**Head Coach:**  
**1995 Record:**  
**1996 Pick:**

**Buddy Teevens**  
**2-9-0**  
**6th C-USA**

**A**s Tulane coach Buddy Teevens enters his fifth season in New Orleans, he realizes this is a very important point in his career.

A former head coach at Dartmouth, Teevens and his Green Wave have been close to reversing the losing mentality that has plagued Tulane football for many years. The Green Wave last enjoyed a winning campaign (6-5) in 1981, although they did finish 6-6 in 1987.

"This is an important year for our program," says the upbeat Teevens, who is now 8-37 at Tulane. "I feel we're moving forward, but we need wins to substantiate our improvement. This was the best spring practice we've had since I arrived."

Green Wave fans continue to be patient with Teevens, clearly understanding the constraints under which Tulane football traditionally has operated. Specifically, because of Tulane's stiff academic requirements, competition with the NFL's Saints and the SEC's LSU Tigers, modest fan support and the program's lack of conference affiliation, there has been minimal reason for anyone to expect much from the Wave.

Things might be changing, however. With the scholarship maximum at 85 (down from 95 roughly 10 years ago), tougher entrance requirements (which help the Tulanes of the college football community) and membership in Conference USA (which boasts a tie-in to the Liberty Bowl and a television contract), Teevens says he feels there is hope in New Orleans.

"Being an independent was tough," the coach notes. "The lack of a television package and overall media exposure added to liabilities in our recruiting process."

And though Tulane may never fully compete with LSU for players or fans, there is no reason the program can't improve on last year's average attendance of 17,000 for five Superdome home games and have six-wins-per-season capability.

"Conference USA will help us," Teevens says. "Mike Slive (C-USA's commissioner) is a very savvy, hard-working man who will move the league forward."

Sophomore quarterback Shaun King recorded modest statistics as a freshman. Playing in eight games and starting six, King connected on 92-of-199 passes (46.2 percent) for two touchdowns, with seven interceptions. His efficiency rating of 86.7 is mediocre. Many feel King will elevate his game this fall. Even so, junior college transfer Xavier Salazar, whose total of 3,284 passing yards in a single season ranks 11th nationally in juco history, might start.

"Salazar is a heady player who will help us," Teevens says.

The coach hopes that sophomore halfback Jamaican Darte (544 yards, 3.6 yards per carry) emerges this season. Though he averaged only 49.5 yards per game, Darte did score 10 touchdowns.

Productive senior fullback Jerald Sowell added 346 yards (4.1 per carry), while catching an impres-



Jamaican Darte

Mark Gervais

sive 27 passes out of the backfield for 284 yards (10.5 average). He is a dependable performer.

Senior wideouts Jeff Ligon and Derrick Franklin combined for 58 receptions and 792 yards. Franklin averaged 15.9 yards on 29 catches.

Junior tight end Cory Geason (20 catches, 256 yards, 12.8 yards per catch) is solid.

The Tulane front wall will be experienced. However, it allowed 26 sacks last fall (the Wave defense tallied 20). The sack total becomes even more glaring when you consider the run-oriented Wave had 387 rushing attempts to 339 passing attempts.

"The sacks were a combination of an inexperienced quarterback and some breakdowns along the line," Teevens says. "I expect (line) improvement. We're deeper and bulkier now."

The four returning starters, all seniors, include left guard Todd Hunter, center Russ Meissner, right guard Will Carlisle and right tackle Cyril Brockmeier. Look for Hunter to move to left tackle and freshman Jerry Godfrey to man the left guard spot.

Two starters must be replaced from an average defensive line. Junior left end Dwight Jones (32 tackles, five sacks) is short for his position (6-1). Senior right tackle Keith Cook had 44 stops.

The left tackle might be sophomore Dennis O'Sullivan, who recorded 38 stops, with junior Shane Marshall at right end.

"We played 14 defensive linemen last season, so we feel ready on the line," Teevens says.

Tulane's linebacking trio is comparable to some of the nation's better linebacking groups. Junior Derrick Singleton, who leads the threesome, amassed a team-leading 126 tackles in 1995, including 10 for losses. Junior middle linebacker

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**— Buddy Teevens**

Brian Williams added 86 stops, while senior Don Jackson (33 tackles) looks to move into the starting outside spot opposite Singleton.

Three experienced secondary performers return, but only one produced numbers of note. Sophomore cornerback Michael Jordan notched 39 tackles and nine pass breakups. The other cornerback will be sophomore Tellus Carr. Senior free safety Elijah Freeman returns. The starting strong safety should be senior Pat Miller.

Sophomore kicker Brad Palazzo attempted only eight field goals, connecting on six. His range is limited. In a part-time role, Brad Hill, a junior, averaged a so-so 37.6 yards on 16 punts.

Ligon is the kick-return man, and his numbers (a 21.6-yard average on 29 returns with a long one of 40 yards) were acceptable. Sophomore P.J. Franklin averaged a less-than-impressive 5.9 yards on 16 returns. However, his average was hurt by two long returns nixed by clipping penalties.

With six home games, Teevens feels his team could surprise some people. In fact, there are some who believe Tulane could finish 6-5.

Still, with the exception of the offensive line, this remains a very young team, one dominated by juniors and sophomores.

The outlook for this season is much brighter than a year ago. Numerous contributors return, and Teevens and his staff assembled one of the best recruiting hauls in recent Green Wave history.

"We've upgraded our talent level," Teevens says. "Scholarship reductions helped our program."

With luck, King's development (or Salazar's emergence) and the solidifying of the offensive line and kicking game, Tulane could win five games. Four, however, appear more realistic.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (9)

WR	2	Jeff Ligon (Sr., 3); 37 Eric Alleman (Sr., 2)
LT	74	Todd Hunter (Sr., 3); 70 Mike Gumiela (So., 0)
LG	77	Jerry Godfrey (Fr., 0); 75 Greg Gerthe (So., 0)
C	59	Russ Meissner (Sr., 3); 60 Tom Jackson (Sr., 1)
RG	52	Will Carlisle (Sr., 3); 61 Sam Smith (So., 0)
RT	67	Cyril Brockmeier (Sr., 3); 71 Steve Quisenberry (Jr., 0)
TE	85	Cory Geason (Jr., 2); 80 Kevin Cuneane (Sr., 3)
WR	7	Derrick Franklin (Sr., 3); 8 P.J. Franklin (So., 1)
QB	10	Shaun King (So., 1); 11 Xavier Salazar (Jr., 0)
HB	19	Jamaican Darte (So., 1); 22 Horace Raymond (Jr., 2)
FB	33	Jerald Sowell (Sr., 3); 40 O'Kie Woods (Fr., 0)
PK	3	Brad Palazzo (So., 1)

### DEFENSE (8)

LE	53	Dwight Jones (Jr., 2); 91 Joel Locker (Sr., 3)
LT	65	Dennis O'Sullivan (So., 1); 76 Tim Hornbrook (Sr., 2)
RT	83	Keith Cook (Sr., 3); 99 Terence Cook (Jr., 2)
RE	98	Shane Marshall (Jr., 2); 54 Manny Cuellar (So., 1)
LB	17	Derrick Singleton (Jr., 2); 49 Brad Warren (Sr., 1)
MLB	50	Brian Williams (Jr., 2); 44 Daryl Jackson (Jr., 0)
RLB	35	Don Jackson (Sr., 2); 9 Brett Timmons (So., 1)
LCB	42	Michael Jordan (So., 1); 18 Corey Prout (So., 1)
RCB	4	Tellus Carr (So., 1); 18 Corey Prout (So., 1)
SS	23	Pat Miller (Sr., 2); 32 Kevin Dukes (Fr., 0)
FS	5	Elijah Freeman (Sr., 3); 31 Eldwyn Harvey (Jr., 0)
P	48	Brad Hill (Jr., 1)

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**Head Coach:** Bill Lynch  
**1995 Record (MAC):** 7-4-0 (6-2-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 3rd MAC

Over the last three seasons, Ball State has the best league record (18-5-2) of all 10 Mid-American Conference teams but only one league championship to show for its efforts.

That title came in 1993, one of four MAC championships that Ball State has won since joining the conference in 1975.

Now the Cardinals are primed for another run at the MAC's top spot after finishing 7-4 last year (6-2 and tied for third in the league) in Bill Lynch's first season as head coach.

"We made steady progress on the offensive and defensive sides of the football, plus on special teams," says Lynch, who came to Ball State after serving as quarterbacks coach at Indiana. "We believe the 1996 team can be of championship caliber. We return the nation's No. 1 punter to go with a large group of veterans both offensively and defensively."

Ball State (the alma mater of David Letterman and cartoonist Jim Davis, creator of the comic strip *Garfield*) ranked fifth nationally in total defense last year, yielding only 259.4 yards per contest, and allowed its MAC opponents just 119.1 yards a game passing, 123.0 rushing and 14.3 points. In the MAC, the Cardinals finished in the top three in all four major defensive categories.

For all 11 games, Ball State ranked first among MAC teams in passing defense (allowing 132.4 yards per game), second in scoring defense (17.0 points), third in rushing defense (126.0 yards per game) and second in total defense (258.4).

With 37 of 47 lettermen returning, including nine starters on offense, eight on defense and both kickers, this is a team that could do some serious damage in what has become a respected conference. Toledo's success last year has given the MAC some momentum — momentum Ball State could build upon this fall.

Among the returnees are All-America punter Brad Maynard, the No. 1 quarterback, the top seven rushers, the 10 leading receivers and the top three tacklers.

Maynard, a sure-fire NFL prospect, led the nation with a school-record 46.5-yard punting average and became the first Ball State player named to any All-America first team since 1973. Maynard's career average is 43.7 on 183 punts, giving him a shot at the NCAA record (minimum of 200 punts) of 44.7 held by Ray Guy of Southern Mississippi. Ball State the last two seasons has led the nation in net punting, an important but often-overlooked statistic.

In addition to his long-range boots, Maynard pinned the opposition inside the 5-yard line five times, inside the 10 nine times and inside the 20 a total of 31 times.

Other first-team All-MAC returnees are senior offensive guard Tony Roush and senior free safety Cory Gilliard.

Senior quarterback Brent Baldwin, who has



Michael Blair

started 20 games over the last two seasons, completed 119-of-202 passes (58.9 percent) for 1,192 yards and five touchdowns, eight interceptions and an efficiency rating of 108.7. Those numbers were down a bit compared to his 1994 marks (100-of-108, 53.2 percent, 1,342 yards, 16 touchdowns, seven interceptions, an efficiency rating of 133.8). Still, Baldwin remains a quality quarterback capable of doing damage to a foe. This could be his breakthrough season.

Senior backup Matt Knisely is a dependable reserve. He started twice in 1994, completing 19 passes for 306 yards, two scores and three interceptions.

Senior Michael Blair is the team's top returning rusher with 819 yards and the No. 3 rusher in

school history with 2,371 yards. He should move into second place and has an outside shot at the top spot. Returning at fullback are senior Jason Kent, who started the first six games and was mainly a blocker, and sophomore Mike Pickett, who started three times and was named Ball State's outstanding freshman.

Although the Cardinal rushing attack was solid in 1995, it could stand to improve. Ball State gained 2,211 yards on 490 attempts (4.5 yards per carry) in 1994. Last fall, the ground game totaled 1,801 on 509 attempts (3.4). With Baldwin expected to elevate his game, his running buddies doing likewise would be helpful.

Senior wideout Ed Abernathy got only one start but was the team's top receiver with 31 catches, followed by Blair (28), sophomore wideout Manuel Compas (21) and junior wideout Brent Campbell (18). The Cardinals didn't throw much to junior tight end Brian VanDaele, who caught just five passes.

**"We believe the 1996 team can be of championship caliber."**

— Bill Lynch

Roush is joined on the offensive line by senior guard Mike Kerrigan, senior tackle Joe Magee, senior center Phil Henry and freshman tackle Jason Bowman.

On defense, Gilliard led the team with 100 tackles, and junior linebacker Howard Simms tied for second with 82.

The line returns sophomore end Damon Hummel and senior tackle Brian Williams. The two new starters are projected to be junior tackle Jerad O'Risky and freshman end Matt Brady.

Senior outside linebacker Aaron Gralak and junior outside linebacker Jeff Phelps join Simms.

Gilliard powers the secondary. He is supported by senior cornerbacks Raphael Ball and Grant Gray, and junior safety Keyon Laws.

Junior placekicker Brent Locklear connected on 11-of-16 field-goal attempts. All the top kick returners are back. Laws was the top kickoff returner with 13 runbacks for a 19.8-yard average, and sophomore LeAndre Moore returned 10 at an 18.6-yard clip. Laws ran back 11 punts (11.2 average) and junior Tim Geesman returned 14 (5.6 average).

After opening on the road at Kansas, Ball State will quickly learn something about its chances of winning a MAC title when Miami of Ohio, certainly one of the league favorites, visits on Sept. 7. Following the game with the Redskins, Ball State, which has suffered only nine losing seasons since 1960, plays at Minnesota and then hosts Division I-A newcomer Central Florida. A 3-1 mark at this point is within reach, as is an 0-4.

A big battle with defending conference king Toledo, which may determine the MAC champion, will conclude the campaign.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (9)

WR	88	Brent Campbell (Jr., 1); 3 Ed Abernathy (Sr., 1)
OT	70	Joe Magee (Sr., 1); 76 Ralph Baker (Jr., 0)
OG	60	Mike Kerrigan (Sr., 3); 79 Reggie Hartwell (So., 0)
C	65	Phil Henry (Sr., 2); 53 John Cate (Jr., 1)
OG	72	Tony Roush (Sr., 3); 68 Ryan Carter (Fr., 0)
TE	78	Jason Bowman (Fr., 0); 75 Joe Schmitt (So., 0)
TE	95	Brian VanDaele (Jr., 2); 82 Dane Wheeler (So., 1)
QB	11	Brent Baldwin (Sr., 2); 12 Matt Knisely (Sr., 2)
TB	27	Michael Blair (Sr., 3); 41 LeAndre Moore (So., 1)
FB	24	Jason Kent (Sr., 1); 32 Mike Pickett (So., 1)
WR	1	Manuel Compas (Sr., 2); 20 Marcellus Davis (Sr., 2)
PK	2	Brent Locklear (Jr., 2)

### DEFENSE (8)

DE	98	Damon Hummel (So., 1); 71 Hiram Maddox (Jr., 2)
DT	91	Brian Williams (Sr., 2); 48 Donald Rigg (Sr., 2)
DT	44	Jerad O'Risky (Jr., 1); 77 Jason Hasty (So., 0)
DE	63	Matt Brady (Fr., 0); 93 Leonard Flowers (So., 0)
OLB	36	Aaron Gralak (Sr., 3); 49 Matt Rabe (So., 0)
ILB	55	Howard Simms (Jr., 2); David Lewis (Jr., 0)
OLB	23	Jeff Phelps (Jr., 2); 58 Lloyd Brown (Jr., 1)
CB	25	Raphael Ball (Sr., 2); 29 Leodius Thompson (Fr., 0)
S	4	Cory Gilliard (Sr., 3); 17 Trent Harris (Fr., 0)
S	16	Keyon Laws (Jr., 2); 21 Troy Ramey (Jr., 1)
CB	22	Grant Gray (Sr., 2); 25 Raphael Ball (Sr., 2)
P	7	Brad Maynard (Sr., 3)

(R) Indicates Redshirt or Redshirt Sophomore  
 (S) Indicates Sophomore  
 (Jr.) Indicates Junior  
 (Sr.) Indicates Senior



**Head Coach:** Terry Shea  
**1995 Record (Big East):** 4-7-0 (2-5-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 7th Big East

The West Coast offense is coming to Rutgers, but many record-setters will be missing.

For example:

- Gone: All-America tight end Marco Battaglia, the Big East's Offensive Player of the Year and the most honored player in Rutgers history.
- Gone: Running backs Terrell Willis, Rutgers' career leader in rushing and all-purpose yards, and No. 3 career rusher Bruce Presley.
- Gone: Quarterback Ray Lucas, the Big East total offense leader and Rutgers' career leader in touchdown passes.
- Gone: 82 percent of 1995's rushing yards.
- Gone: All of the passing yards.

As these numbers indicate, offense wasn't Rutgers' problem last year. The Scarlet Knights led the Big East in total offense (427.4 yards a game) and passing (235.3). The 4,701 yards in total offense was a school record.

Unfortunately, the defense allowed 4,665 yards and cost coach Doug Graber his job. Rutgers finished 4-7 overall, 2-5 (sixth) in the Big East.

Then Bill Walsh stepped in. Not as head coach, but as consultant. He recommended Terry Shea, former head coach at San Jose State (15-6-2 in 1990-91) and later associate head coach and offensive coordinator under Walsh at Stanford (1992-94). Last year, Shea was an assistant coach in the Canadian Football League.

"Terry is the very best," says Walsh. "He's sharp and engaging, and has one of the best football minds in the country. He's just a very creative guy who works hard and produces."

Shea has installed a multiple "West Coast" offense that features a "read" passing game and I-formation running game.

"Big East teams may have been exposed to bits and pieces of this offense, but I don't think they've seen what we'll show this season," Shea says. "We have a chance to really dazzle them."

The 4-3 defense will be coordinated by Rod Sharpless, who was co-defensive coordinator last year at Big East co-champion Virginia Tech.

Rutgers returns 35 of 57 lettermen, including three starters on offense, six on defense and both kicking specialists. In the spring, Shea had only three players who had ever started a game on offense — junior center-tackle Jack McKiernan, sophomore guard Pete Donnelly and sophomore wide receiver Bill Powell — although several more will return in the fall.

With Lucas and backup Robert Higgins gone, Shea may look to senior quarterback Darrell Buffington, a part-time nickel back last year. Buffington will compete with a pair of left-handers, sophomore Ralph Sacca and redshirt freshman Corey Valentine. Sacca is the brother of former Penn State quarterbacks Tony and John Sacca.

The tailback position may be a scrap among senior Chad Bosch and a host of underclassmen. Bosch is the leading returning rusher (71 carries, 356 yards, a team-leading 5.0 per carry). The other candidates are led by junior Damon Hamlin.



Steve Harper

Leading the charge at fullback are junior Joe Diggs and redshirt freshman Melvin Cobbs.

Three wide receivers with starting experience missed spring practice: senior Reggie Funderburk (knee surgery), a two-year starter who caught 55 passes in 1994 and 54 last season; junior Steve Harper (academics), who made 35 catches last year; and sophomore Chris Hutton (broken leg).

Most of the spring reps at split end went to Powell, along with sophomore James Ealey and true freshman Rolle Mordecai. Powell caught 27 passes, a Rutgers freshman record, for 314 yards in 1995 and started three late-season games. The group at flanker includes sophomores Alan Davis and Shawn Turner, redshirt freshman Jason Smith and true freshman Tim Jenkins.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (3)

SE	6	Reggie Funderburk (Sr., 3); 80 Bill Powell (So., 1)
LT	77	Kerry Ware (Jr., 0); 70 Denton Cinquegrana (Sr., 0)
LG	76	Pete Donnelly (So., 1); 65 Ivan Ramos (Fr., 0)
C	54	Jack McKiernan (Jr., 2); 56 Matt Fleming (Sr., 0)
RG	72	Bryan Raftery (So., 0); 60 Chris Howe (Fr., 0)
RT	78	T.J. Spizzo (Sr., 2); 74 Ben French (Fr., 0)
TE	88	Jason Curry (Sr., 2); 82 Ron Keller (Sr., 1)
FL	12	Steve Harper (Jr., 2); 24 Alan Davis (So., 0)
QB	18	Darrell Buffington (Sr., 1); 8 Ralph Sacca (So., 0)
TB	25	Chad Bosch (Sr., 1); 20 Damon Hamlin (Jr., 0)
FB	33	Joe Diggs (Jr., 2); 32 Melvin Cobbs (Fr., 0)
PK	27	Nick Mike-Mayer (Jr., 1)

### DEFENSE (6)

LE	93	Chris Cebula (Jr., 1); 58 Joey Jones (Jr., 0)
LT	99	Rashod Swinger (Sr., 3); 90 Antonio Horn (Fr., 0)
RT	55	Shawn Devlin (Sr., 2); 92 Shaun O'Hara (Fr., 0)
RE	94	Mike Belh (So., 1); 91 Mike Karwacki (So., 1)
ILB	59	Rusty Swartz (Sr., 3); 11 Aaron Brady (So., 1)
ILB	43	Brian Sheridan (Sr., 3); 1 Art Dreher (So., 0)
OLB	19	Gil Ross (So., 1); 11 Aaron Brady (So., 0)
LCB	3	Cameron Chadwick (Sr., 1); 14 Mike Sandy (Jr., 1)
SS	2	Norris Crawford (Jr., 2); 47 Roger Wingate (Fr., 0)
FS	21	Thomas Kelly (Jr., 2); 34 Charles Wiley (So., 1)
RCB	28	Derek Ward (Sr., 3); 10 Kevin Williams (Jr., 2)
P	24	Jared Sloan (Jr., 2)

LT: Leaders; LE: Leaders; LT: Leaders; LT: Leaders  
 OLB: Outside Linebacker; OLB: Outside Linebacker  
 RLB: Right Linebacker; RLB: Right Linebacker

A large cast will contest for Battaglia's tight end spot. Seniors Jason Curry and Ron Keller are the most experienced.

McKiernan, an offensive tackle last year, will move to center to compete with senior Matt Fleming. The guard positions will feature Donnelly, sophomore Bryan Raftery and redshirt freshmen Chris Howe and Ivan Ramos. The tackles will be seniors Denton Cinquegrana and T.J. Spizzo, junior Kerry Ware and redshirt freshmen Rameses Rodriguez and Ben French.

In contrast to the offense, the defensive unit is experienced, although young. Injuries pressed a large number of underclassmen into action.

At the ends, juniors Chris Cebula and Joey Jones and sophomores Mike Belh and Mike Karwacki are the leading candidates.

The tackles are headed by seniors Rashod Swinger, a two-year starter, and Shawn Devlin. Swinger has started 26 of the last 28 games. Other contenders include redshirt freshmen Antonio Horn, Shaun O'Hara and Jake Pluta, and sophomore Matt Washington.

Senior Rusty Swartz started eight games at end a year ago despite shoulder problems and is now posted at inside linebacker. He is the leading returning tackler with 58 stops and was the only linebacker with much experience in the spring.

Senior Brian Sheridan started all last season in the middle but underwent rotator cuff surgery and was unavailable during the spring. That left sophomores Art Dreher, who sat out last year after transferring from Georgia Tech, and Don Sellari at the "Mike" linebacker position.

The roverbuck will be known as "Knight" and is built around a group of younger players: sophomores Aaron Brady and Gil Ross, redshirt freshman Roger Wingate and walk-on freshman John Notaro. Brady started four times.

Three returning starters give the secondary a solid blend of youth and experience. Junior Thomas Kelly got six starts at free safety and seniors Derek Ward and Cameron Chadwick started eight and four times respectively at cornerback. Junior cornerback Kevin Williams led the team with three interceptions. Junior Norris Crawford started three games at free safety and three at strong safety, and is in line for the latter position, now known as "Rook."

For the second straight year, placekicking left something to be desired. Junior Nick Mike-Mayer, son of the former NFL kicker, connected on eight-of-15 field-goal attempts and 31-of-34 PATs, and faces a challenge from sophomore Joe Donato and redshirt freshman Lee McDonald. Junior Jared Sloan punted for a weak 36.5-yard average.

Tailback Bosch, cornerback Chadwick and sophomore defensive back Peter Clarke are in line for kick return duties. Last year, Bosch returned 12 kickoffs for an 18.4-yard average.

"I know what it takes to win," Shea says. But not this year, when Rutgers will likely have more razzle than dazzle.



**Head Coach:** Dennis Franchione  
**1995 Record (WAC):** 4-7-0 (2-6-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 6th WAC Mountain

**E**xulting after an upset of Colorado State on the road last October, New Mexico coach Dennis Franchione liked the sound of his team's record.

"This program has had trouble being four and anything, let alone 4-3," he said at the time.

Four weeks later, thanks partly to injuries, the Lobos stood 4-7. A season-ending loss to UTEP especially took some of the shine off Franchione's turnaround of the New Mexico program.

But Franchione is hoping senior quarterback Donald Sellers and a new defensive alignment can lift the Lobos back to the level of 1993, when they went 6-5. A new football facility with a giant weight room and other improvements in the University Stadium end zone have helped recruiting efforts. Furthermore, the program is close to the limit of 85 scholarship athletes.

"We're finally getting to the point where our scholarship numbers are comparable to our competition," says Franchione. "We don't want to make excuses but it's been a long, uphill battle."

Franchione is 18-26 in four seasons. His best finish in the old 10-team WAC was a tie for fifth in '94. Ending in the upper half of the Mountain Division is a reasonable goal for this fall.

Sellers started eight games last season as a junior college transfer but, because of injuries, completed only five passes. Still, he broke Stony Case's single-season school records for completion percentage (62.1) and passing efficiency while running the option effectively.

"You talk about one guy who had a great day against us," says Colorado State defensive coordinator Larry Kerr, remembering the Lobos' 22-14 win. "He really surprised us with his throwing ability and accuracy."

Providing depth will be sophomore Graham Leigh, who became Pacific's starter at the end of the season, then transferred to New Mexico after the Tigers' decision to suspend football.

Sophomore tailback Ché Johnson replaces the departed Winslow Oliver and is joined by junior fullback Chris Shelton (468 rushing yards), whose eight receptions included a 77-yard play.

New Mexico usually employs a three-receiver set. Juniors Milton Thomas and Bertrand Martin and senior Larry Brown all recorded double-figure catch totals. Senior Jeremy Banks is New Mexico's top returning receiver in catches with 19 in 1995 and will see considerable action.

Sophomore tight end Tommy Hemphill was scheduled to redshirt, but injuries required his starting the last four games. Junior Roy White manned the spot in spring practice.

The offensive line, clearly the Lobos' strength, has five returning starters. The anchor is senior center Brandon Turner, who has allowed just three sacks and committed only five penalty infractions in 34 career games. He was All-WAC in 1995. Against BYU last fall, senior strong guard Andy Gleason played as a sixth lineman, positioned outside the tackle, for a different look.



Brandon Turner

Senior quick guard Kevin Ned is a transfer from California who established himself last season and recorded 17 knockdown blocks against San Diego State. Junior strong tackle Matt Tyner has started 21 of 23 career games, and junior quick tackle Shane Jaeger was in the lineup for six games in the second half of the 1995 campaign.

The Lobos finished sixth in the WAC and 24th nationally in total offense last season.

"Their offense presents problems because of all its facets," says Utah coach Ron McBride.

On the defensive line, the Lobos have experienced all kinds of injuries and other trouble the last couple of years. The new defensive scheme calls for a 4-2-5 alignment, and New Mexico needs senior end Buddy Billingsley (shoulder)

and junior tackle John Wingate (foot) to rebound after injuries. Furthermore, former starting nose guard Corbin Epps will return after being suspended for the spring.

"I sure remember their nose guard; the guy was a physical specimen," says BYU quarterback Steve Sarkisian.

The absence of the aforementioned trio gave senior ends Terrence Burton and Chris Carroll, redshirt freshman tackle Travis Journagan, sophomore tackle Barrett Garrison and senior end Troy Dunlap the primary work during the spring.

At linebacker, junior Blake Irwin is on course to become the school's all-time leading tackler after averaging 10.6 stops a game last year. The nephew of pro golfer Hale Irwin made eight tackles for losses and deflected six passes.

Senior Daniel Johnson (a team-leading 11 tackles a game) subdues opposing ball carriers and would-be car thieves with equal vigor. He joined Garrison in apprehending an alleged perpetrator outside the school's athletic offices last February.

The Lobos intercepted only three passes last season. A WAC defense should grab more than that by accident alone. Thus, Franchione made staff changes, bringing in Gary Patterson from Navy as his defensive coordinator.

"We have to find something that will create turnovers," Franchione says. "We want to make things happen. Instead of reading and waiting on defense, we need to be more aggressive."

The new look features five defensive backs, with sophomore Antoine Wright moving from "bandit" linebacker to strong safety. Starting safeties Scott McGarrahan and Billy Austin, both juniors, still are called safeties in the alignment. McGarrahan had 15 tackles and forced a fumble against Fresno State.

Senior Chili Davis and junior Jameal Woods are the likely starters at the corners. Junior college transfers Brian Brazier and Ramos McDonald will arrive in the fall. The new philosophy calls for more man-to-man coverage after opponents completed 64 percent of their passes.

Junior Colby Cason made 11-of-18 field goals last season, but seven of the successful kicks were from inside 30 yards. His longest field goal was only 37 yards. Sophomore punter Jason Bloom was impressive in limited action, averaging 42.8 yards on 12 punts, including a 60-yarder. Bloom can also kick off.

Oliver's loss leaves only Brown and Chad Smith with much kick/punt-return experience.

Franchione is discovering that becoming competitive is easier than taking the next step to contending in the WAC. In the Mountain Division, the Lobos must tangle with BYU and Utah, in addition to competing with the new Texas teams.

Only if the defense adjusts quickly to the changes can New Mexico hope to play .500 ball in the conference. The non-league schedule (New Mexico State, Northern Arizona and Central Florida) is easily the most favorable in years.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (7)

WR	Milton Thomas (Jr., 2); Jeremy Banks (Sr., 1)
WR	Larry Brown (Sr., 1); Jamie Oliver (Jr., 0)
WR	Bertrand Martin (Jr., 1); Charles Westmoreland (So., 0)
ST	Matt Tyner (Jr., 2); Jason Carson (Fr., 0)
SG	Andy Gleason (Sr., 3); Chris Wallace (So., 1)
C	Brandon Turner (Sr., 3); Aaron Ocampo (So., 0)
QG	Kevin Ned (Sr., 1); Manny Alderete (Sr., 2)
QT	Shane Jaeger (Jr., 2); Josh Brown (Fr., 0)
QB	Donald Sellers (Sr., 1); Graham Leigh (So., 0)
TB	Ché Johnson (So., 1); Lennox Gordon (So., 1)
FB	Chris Shelton (Jr., 2); Max Miranda (Jr., 1)
PK	Colby Cason (Jr., 1)

### DEFENSE (5)

LE	Terrence Burton (Sr., 1); Jason Purvis (Fr., 0)
LT	Travis Journagan (Fr., 0); Joe Haynes (So., 0)
RT	Barrett Garrison (So., 1); Frans Dinkelmann (Fr., 0)
RE	Chris Carroll (Sr., 3); Troy Dunlap (Sr., 1)
ILB	Daniel Johnson (Sr., 3); Terrence Burton (Sr., 1)
ILB	Blake Irwin (Jr., 2); Bart Barnard (Jr., 2)
SS	Antoine Wright (So., 1); Reggie Sampson (Fr., 0)
WS	Scott McGarrahan (Jr., 2); Todd Kirkpatrick (So., 0)
FS	Billy Austin (Jr., 2); Chad Smith (So., 1)
RCB	Jameal Woods (Jr., 2); Marcus McDavid (Fr., 0)
LCB	Chili Davis (Sr., 1); Derrick Milner (So., 1)
P	Jason Bloom (So., 1)

(R) JUNIORS; (S) SENIORS; (F) FRESHMEN  
 (Jr.) JUNIORS; (Sr.) SENIORS; (Fr.) FRESHMEN  
 (So.) SOPHOMORES; (Jr.) JUNIORS; (Sr.) SENIORS; (Fr.) FRESHMEN



**Head Coach:** Tom Rossley  
**1995 Record (SWC):** 1-10-0 (0-7-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 7th WAC Mountain

As college football fans fascinated by overnight successes begin "The Hunt for the Next Northwestern," there is compelling evidence that Team Turnaround — 1996 version — could be Southern Methodist.

True, with a combined two victories the past two seasons, there is ample room for improvement. But there are enough variables in the Mustangs' football equation to suggest a move to the Western Athletic Conference could produce great success.

SMU trades conference games against 1995 bowl teams Texas, Texas A&M and Texas Tech for UTEP, Tulsa and New Mexico. Also, the non-conference schedule (Navy, Missouri and Arkansas) appears manageable.

But the main reasons for optimism, according to coach Tom Rossley, are unprecedented depth — by SMU standards — in both lines and the return of two outstanding players who were sidelined in 1995.

SMU's chief assets include senior quarterback Ramon Flanigan, the Southwest Conference's 1994 leader in total offense; the SWC's top tacklers from 1994 (linebacker Chris Bordano) and 1995 (linebacker Craig Swann); and 17 lettermen, including 11 with starting experience, along both lines.

Especially encouraging was the spring work of Flanigan and Bordano, who missed the 1995 season because of injuries. Their presence, plus a squad that ranks as SMU's most experienced since 1992, is a motivation to Swann, a senior who registered a league-high 16.7 tackles per game in the SWC's final season.

"I always looked for this to be the year we had a chance to make a real impact, even playing against the (Top 25) teams in the SWC," Swann says. "Going to the WAC emphasizes that even more."

Rossley agrees.

"We're tired of being close," says the sixth-year coach seeking to improve on a career mark of 10-42-3. "I feel good about this being the year we turn it around. I think our style of play is a better fit for the WAC, and the matchups will be a lot better for us. If we stay healthy, we'll have a chance to win every Saturday."

It is impossible to overstate the importance to SMU's run-and-shoot attack of a healthy Flanigan, a 4.37 sprinter who has accumulated 4,351 yards of total offense (218 per game).

He logged his best statistical season (237.1 yards per game) in 1994 despite playing all year on a strained left hamstring.

New Mexico coach Dennis Franchione remembers watching Flanigan pass for 187 yards and rush for 113 in a 34-31 victory over his Lobos. Flanigan, says Franchione, is "the most athletic quarterback we've faced since I've been here. He's got speed. He throws well off-balance. He's magic."

Seldom-used junior Mark Humble and incom-



Donte Womack

STEVE WOODARD

ing freshmen Chris Sanders and Clois Taylor figure as Flanigan's insurance policies.

A once-dormant ground game began to blossom with the emergence of Donte Womack (208 carries, 758 yards), who could become the Mustangs' first 1,000-yard rusher since Reggie Dupard in 1985. Womack is complemented by fellow junior Bryan Harmon, a solid inside threat whose presence allows Rossley to expand his use of two-back sets to protect Flanigan.

Depth comes from sophomores Roy Coats and Kelsey Adams, and incoming freshmen Wes Danaher of Corpus Christi, who rushed for 8,837 yards during his high school career.

SMU's primary targets figure to be senior Kevin Thornal, the team's top big-play threat (44

catches and a team-high six touchdowns), and sophomores Albert Johnson and Rafiq Cooper.

In addition, sophomores Lamonte Guillory and Jimmy Moore seem primed for breakthrough seasons.

Three seniors head into their fourth seasons as starters along the Mustangs' "best offensive line since I've been here," extols Rossley. Incumbents with all-conference pedigrees include center Brannon Kidd and right guard Keith Chiles. Left tackle Jason Holz completes the trio. In addition, left guard Dray Wilson and right tackle Glenn Ivey, both juniors, are returning starters.

All four defensive line starters return, but they're the same fellows who, in part, surrendered 266 rushing yards per contest (5.3 per carry) in 1995. Rossley is counting on an extra year of maturity, combined with some personnel moves, to improve those numbers in the WAC.

Rossley tried sophomore Wendell Washington and junior Warwick Woodard, last year's starting defensive ends, at defensive tackle during the spring and may leave them there to spell returnees Jason Evans and Ahmad Hayes, a pair of juniors.

The Mustangs are solid as a rock at inside linebacker, where seniors Bordano and Swann will be positioned shoulder-to-shoulder in Rossley's 4-4 alignment. Before suffering a back injury, Bordano, then a junior, averaged an SWC-best 13.9 tackles per game in '94. Swann topped that figure last year. The pair, says Swann, could finish No. 1 and 2 among WAC tacklers in 1996.

Junior Jackson Moore and sophomore Kenneth Imo return at the outside linebacker positions. Moore tallied 78 tackles last season, third-best on the team.

Improvement is needed in a secondary that produced just eight interceptions (four by returnees) last season. Sophomore free safety Chad Kollar notched two thefts in one game and will battle senior Jay Harvey for the starting spot.

The corners are open to all comers, with sophomores Dewey Evans and vastly improved Jacoby Rhinehart battling at one spot, and sophomore Donald Mitchell and redshirt freshman Chad Sennette at the other.

For the third consecutive season, junior Anthony Scotti handles SMU's punting. He finished 35th nationally in net punting last season (36.6 yards per punt) without suffering a blocked kick.

Transfer Daniel Hernandez has yet to attempt a field goal in college. But the junior wowed Rossley during spring work with his leg strength on kickoffs and his consistency on placements.

"He can hit from beyond 50 yards and the pressure doesn't bother him," Rossley says.

SMU's return specialists are inexperienced. "The whole key for SMU will be Ramon and how he heals," says Rice coach Ken Hatfield. "He's as good a quarterback as there is in the country. They're a different team when he's in the game."

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (9)

WR	85	Lamonte Guillory (So., 1); 88 Kevin Lias (So., 1)
WR	29	Rafiq Cooper (So., 1); 87 Diamond Blueitt (Fr., 0)
LT	77	Jason Holz (Sr., 3); 67 Jeremy Morgan (So., 0)
LG	72	Dray Wilson (Jr., 2); 56 Kerry Scanlon (So., 1)
C	50	Brannon Kidd (Sr., 3); 72 Dray Wilson (Jr., 2)
RG	61	Keith Chiles (Sr., 3); 70 Austin Adams (Fr., 0)
RT	73	Glenn Ivey (Jr., 2); 78 Bill Holder (Fr., 0)
WR	83	Kevin Thornal (Sr., 3); 84 Jimmy Moore (So., 1)
WR	5	Albert Johnson (So., 1); 23 Rochon George (Jr., 2)
QB	8	Ramon Flanigan (Sr., 2); 7 Mark Humble (Jr., 1)
RB	1	Donte Womack (Jr., 2); 34 Bryan Harmon (Jr., 2)
PK	10	Daniel Hernandez (Jr., 1)

### DEFENSE (8)

DE	98	Wendell Washington (So., 1); 97 John Wilson (Jr., 0)
DT	99	Jason Evans (Jr., 2); 59 Mac McKinzie (Sr., 3)
DE	92	Ahmad Hayes (Jr., 2); 93 Wilbert Mitchell (Sr., 3)
DT	47	Warwick Woodard (Jr., 2); 89 Clint Snowden (So., 1)
BAN	14	Jackson Moore (Jr., 2); 52 Chris Gedwed (Jr., 0)
SAM	69	Craig Swann (Sr., 3); 55 Tim Pound (Fr., 0)
WILL	42	Chris Bordano (Jr., 2); 44 Blake Perkins (So., 1)
OLB	2	Kenneth Imo (So., 1); 20 Carlyce Black (Jr., 1)
CB	26	Donald Mitchell (So., 1); 48 Chad Sennette (Fr., 0)
FS	43	Jay Harvey (Sr., 3); 27 Chad Kollar (So., 1)
CB	24	Dewey Evans (So., 1); 3 Jacoby Rhinehart (So., 1)
P	15	Anthony Scotti (Jr., 2)

(F) INDICATES NUMBER OF RETURNING STARTERS

BOLD INDICATES RETURNING STARTERS

REMARK: Area Club Indicates Letterman Year



**Head Coach:** Jeff Tisdell  
**1995 Record (Big West):** 9-3-0 (6-0-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 2nd Big West

**S**top me if you've heard this one — Chris Ault is stepping down as the University of Nevada's head football coach.

In late April, following spring practice, Ault announced — again, just as he did in June 1993 — that he would devote all his time to his duties as athletic director.

"My expectations as an athletic director are very, very high for myself," he said. "My expectations of myself as a football coach are very, very high. You cannot be a part-time football coach."

Ault's first try at relinquishing the coaching reins didn't work when Jeff Horton left after one season for UNLV. All indications were — and Ault did nothing to dispel them — that his successor this time would be Jeff Tisdell, Nevada's assistant head coach and a former head coach at Sacramento City College from 1989-93. In 1992, Tisdell was named California Junior College Coach of the Year. He is a Nevada grad and ironically was Ault's first All-American.

Nevada's offense has proven over the years that it reloads rather than rebuilds. This year's reloading may put several ammunition shops out of business.

If Florida's offense is the "system," just call Nevada's THE "system." The Wolf Pack is the only team to average more than 500 yards a game over the last three years. During that stretch, they have led the nation in total offense twice. In the last five seasons, Nevada has generated the most total yardage and passing yardage in the country.

It would be unrealistic to think the Wolf Pack can do it again. They return 38 of 54 lettermen, but only two starters on offense — receiver Damond Wilkens and center Jeff Hadwick — to go with eight on defense and both kicking specialists.

"The defense has the best nucleus and the most experience by far," says Ault, who developed the Wolf Pack's explosive offense. "I am counting on the defense to make a game winning difference for us throughout the year, not just a game here and there."

Nevada was 9-3 last year (Big West champs at 6-0), including a 40-37 overtime loss to Toledo in the Las Vegas Bowl. Nevada's total offense of 569.4 yards a game was almost 200 yards above the national average, but it's doubtful if any team has ever lost as much firepower as the Wolf Pack.

Not only did quarterback Mike Maxwell lead the nation in total offense with 402.6 yards a game — he missed the last two regular-season contests — but wideout Alex Van Dyke was the national leader in receptions per game (11.7) and receiving yards per game (168.6) and finished second in all-purpose yards (224.2). For good measure, running back Kin (CQ) Minor, who rushed for 1,052 yards, also graduated.

No school's quarterback has ever led the nation in total offense four years in a row, but Nevada has a chance. Chris Vargas was the national leader in 1993 and Maxwell did it the last two years, equaling the record set by Brigham Young's Marc Wilson in 1979 and Jim McMahon in 1980 and 1981.



**Deshone Myles**

Maxwell's successor will be either junior Eric Bennett or sophomore John Dutton, a transfer from Texas. Ault says he will not name a starter until the week before the first game.

Bennett started the last two games of the regular season when Maxwell was sidelined. For the year, he appeared in six games, completing 59 of 99 passes (59.6 percent) for 933 yards, five touchdowns and five interceptions. In his two starts, Bennett passed for 315 yards against Pacific and 492 against San Jose State. He averaged 9.4 yards per attempt to Maxwell's 8.8.

Before his latest retirement, Ault said that both of them "are excellent athletes and they are a lot more mobile (than Maxwell)." In fact, Ault was in the process "of installing some new offense to

take advantage of the mobility we will have at quarterback no matter which one is in there."

Senior Ernie Wilson, who rushed for 188 yards against Louisiana Tech in his only start, is expected to man Nevada's one-man backfield. Wilson broke his foot in that game, but still wound up the No. 2 rusher with 390 yards and a 5.1 per-carry average, slightly above Minor's 4.8. Sophomore Oscar Galloway was Nevada's short-yardage specialist, scoring six touchdowns on just 32 rushes.

Wilkins, a senior, has a tough act to follow since Van Dyke broke a 30-year-old NCAA record for most receiving yards in a season with 1,854. Wilkins wasn't exactly chopped liver; he caught 51 passes for 754 yards and six touchdowns.

Nevada routinely uses three wideouts and Steve McHenry, the No. 2 receiver with 59 catches, also graduated. Sophomores Geoff Noisy (17 catches) and Arthur Lloyd should see lots of playing time and the Wolf Pack is expecting immediate help from junior college transfers Nimoy Triplet, Wesley Morris and Greg Russell.

Senior Sean Simms started the first three games at tight end and caught seven passes before a knee injury ended his season.

The offensive line is the No. 1 concern. Hadwick has started for two years and could be the best center in the conference. The other starters will all be new, but six lettermen are available — seniors Steve Hill and Keith Rogers and juniors Mike Edwards, Donny West, Nathan Thompson and Pat Freeman.

More positions are up for grabs on the defensive line than any area on that side of the ball. Junior tackle James Cannida is the only player with a lock on his position. Senior end Tawan Hall started eight games, but missed the spring to concentrate on academics and will have to battle to regain his job.

Bidding for starting spots are junior tackle Justin Tenpenny, junior end Aaron Lozano and juco transfer George Jones.

Junior linebacker DeShone Myles is a candidate for Big West Defensive Player of the Year after leading the team in tackles as a freshman (138) and sophomore (133). Senior Mike Crawford was second with 110 tackles. The third linebacker spot is open, with junior Jimmy Burk and redshirt freshman Dan Rockwell the front-runners.

All four secondary starters are back as seniors, making this the most experienced unit on the squad. Strong safety James Johnson was an all conference pick and cornerback Darnell Hasson, who led the team with five interceptions, made the second team. The others are free safety Garnett Overby and cornerback Mike Guider.

The kicking game was an unknown commodity a year ago, but sophomore Damon Shea made 9-of-11 field goal attempts and hit 58 straight PATs after missing two in the opener and junior Jason McLean averaged 38.9 yards per punt.

Wilson will return kickoffs. Wilkins was the top punt returner with an 8.5-yard average.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (2)

TE	80	Sean Simms (Sr., 1); 89 Matt Kelly (Jr., 2)
ST	62	Donny West (Jr., 1); 63 Jason Sadler (Jr., 0)
SG	78	Keith Rogers (Sr., 1); 77 Soma Helu (Jr., 0)
C	60	Jeff Hadwick (Sr., 2); 50 Steve Hill (Sr., 1)
WG	76	Pat Freeman (Jr., 0); 74 Ken White (Jr., 0)
WT	79	Mike Edwards (Jr., 1); 71 Nathan Thompson (Jr., 0)
FL	5	Damond Wilkins (Sr., 1); 12 Arthur Lloyd (So., 0)
QB	16	Eric Bennett (Jr., 1); John Dutton (So., 0)
RB	20	Ernie Wilson (Sr., 1); 22 Alex Gresham (Jr., 0)
WR	4	Geoff Noisy (So., 1); 1 Ken Williams (Jr., 0)
WR	3	Nimoy Triplet (Jr., 0); 17 Greg Russell (Jr., 0)
PK	14	Damon Shea (So., 1)

### DEFENSE (8)

LE	44	Aaron Lozano (Jr., 1); 42 Tawan Hall (Sr., 3)
LT	95	Justin Tenpenny (Jr., 1); 93 Rick Cross (Fr., 0)
RT	97	James Cannida (Jr., 2); 98 Brian Edwards (Jr., 0)
RE	56	George Jones (Jr., 0); 96 Brian Feamley (Sr., 0)
SLB	51	Dan Rockwell (Jr., 0); 55 Jimmy Burk (Jr., 0)
MLB	46	Mike Crawford (Sr., 2); 58 Aaron Cudworth (Fr., 0)
WLB	30	Deshone Myles (Jr., 2); 38 Matt Shoda (So., 1)
LC	9	Mike Guider (Jr., 1); 31 Don Morgan (So., 1)
FS	13	Garnett Overby (Sr., 3); 7 Marco Dupree (So., 0)
SS	2	James Johnson (Sr., 2); 10 Molech Blythe (Sr., 0)
CB	32	Darnell Hasson (Sr., 3); 6 Da'Quan Davis (Fr., 0)
P	19	Jason McLean (Jr., 1)

(R) Returner Number or Returner Name  
 Bold letters indicate seniors  
 Number after name indicates letterman status



**Head Coach:** Ron Dickerson  
**1995 Record (Big East):** 1-10-0 (1-6-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 8th Big East

Temple University's football program is much like Dean Witter — both measure success one win at a time. In four of the last seven seasons, the Owls have managed only one measly win.

But last year's victory, 29-27 over Pittsburgh on Oct. 14, was memorable because it was Temple's first — and only — Big East triumph in 32 games: 0-5 in 1991, 0-6 in 1992, 0-7 in 1993 and again in 1994, and an 0-2 start last year before the dramatic breakthrough.

It was Temple's only win in a 1-10 campaign, but the 1-6 Big East record enabled the Owls to finish seventh, ahead of cellar-dwelling Pitt. Improvement was evident, even though the record was down from 2-9 a year earlier.

"The Owls don't wash down with the pretzels like they used to," wrote a Florida scribe. "Sure, they still lose, but they are reluctant, even stubborn about it. Slowly, they are getting better."

Also realistic.

"This year, I'm going to take the wait-and-see approach," says coach Ron Dickerson, 4-29 after three years of a start-from-less-than-scratch reconstruction project. "Last year, I thought we were going to win more games than we did. I felt very confident in our team but some unexpected things happened."

"Our quarterback got hurt. Two running backs were injured. We did not do well offensively, although defensively we came through."

Dickerson isn't making any rash promises. Last year, he predicted that the Owls "would win some games" with 38 lettermen returning. Now, Temple's two best players — linebacker Lance Johnstone, a two-time MVP, and offensive lineman John Summerday — have graduated.

In 1995, Dickerson promised the offense would be improved. Instead, the Owls' passing game slipped from first in the Big East to sixth, and they ranked last in the league in total offense and scoring.

The defense, however, trimmed its yields from 37.9 points and 445.1 yards per game in 1994 to 32.6 and 403.8. With the exception of a 66-14 pounding administered by Penn State, the defense was respectable in every contest.

Temple's 1995 non-conference slate doesn't appear as rugged as last year's, with the notable exception of a visit from the Nittany Lions.

According to Penn State coach Joe Paterno, Temple senior quarterback Henry Burris is "a great player. He's got a good arm, a quick release and he can scramble."

Burris became Temple's all-time passing leader in the season finale — he has 5,411 yards — but struggled at times. The reasoning went that it was a case of his knowing too much about the Owls' complex offense and thinking too much. So, midway through the season, the coaches decided to simplify the offense.

Burris completed 139-of-300 passes (46.3 percent) for 2,004 yards and 11 touchdowns, with



Henry Burris

17 interceptions, a far cry from the previous season when he ranked 15th nationally in total offense and set eight school passing records.

"I see Henry Burris having an outstanding year with the help of the wide-receiving crew, the tight ends and the running backs," Dickerson says. "We should do a good job on offense."

In the vacuum created by injuries to sophomore Ramod Lee and senior Juan Gaddy, tailback Eugene Culbreath, now a senior, stepped in and rushed for a team-high 451 yards on 103 carries, including a 124-yard effort against Miami in his first collegiate start. It was the third-lowest team-leading total in 25 years. Lee missed three games with an ankle injury, ending with 329 yards and six TDs. Senior Frank Carter returns at fullback.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (9)

SE	11	Troy Kersey (Jr., 2); 20 Kevin Walker (Jr., 1)
LT	69	Roger Chanoine (So., 1); 74 Tim Leach (Jr., 0)
LG	76	Ed Bowen (Sr., 3); 63 Scott Oster (So., 0)
C	79	Rick Smith (Jr., 0); 56 Michael Tripp (So., 0)
RG	65	Charlie Morris (Jr., 0); 97 Rick Williams (So., 0)
RT	78	Eric Johnson (Sr., 3); 68 Drew Peterson (Sr., 3)
TE	84	Justin Collins (Sr., 0); 82 Casey Jones (Jr., 0)
FL	6	Van Johnson (Sr., 3); 10 Kareem Gilliard (Jr., 0)
QB	14	Henry Burris (Sr., 3); 9 Pat Bonner (Jr., 0)
TB	32	Ramod Lee (So., 1); 3 Eugene Culbreath (Sr., 3)
FB	2	Frank Carter (Sr., 3); 46 Brent Johnstone (Jr., 0)
PK	24	Zane Michalski (Jr., 0)

### DEFENSE (7)

DE	93	Robert Kelly (So., 2); 35 Jason Davis (Sr., 3)
DT	50	Ben Mayer (Sr., 0); 91 Frank Rutherford (Fr., 0)
NT	96	Tealang Lloyd (Sr., 3); 99 Vince Pellis (Jr., 0)
DE	36	Tim Terry (Sr., 2); 57 Steve Simpkins (Jr., 0)
OLB	49	Keith Kerrin (Sr., 2); 87 Fenton Graham (So., 0)
MLB	94	Alshemond Singleton (Sr., 3); 40 Jason Blissett (Fr., 0)
OLB	4	Corey Green (Sr., 3); 48 Dean Jones (Sr., 0)
CB	31	Lamond Adams (So., 1); 29 Tom Indio (So., 0)
SS	42	Kobie Barnett (So., 0); 15 Clinton Nelson (Jr., 0)
FS	38	Ted McDuffie (Sr., 3); 27 Quincy Brannon (Fr., 0)
CB	1	Deadrake Epps (Jr., 1); 23 Aaron Patterson (So., 0)
P	83	Josh Boles (Jr., 0)

(R) INDICATES NUMBER OF RETURNING STARTERS  
 BOLD INDICATES RETURNING STARTERS  
 NUMBER AFTER CLASS INDICATES LETTERS WON

Junior wideouts Troy Kersey and Kevin Walker, and senior Van Johnson each caught 20 passes in 1995. Kersey accounted for 469 yards receiving, Johnson added 322 and Walker had 321.

Dickerson has high hopes for redshirt sophomore Kenyatta Carter, "a wide receiver that I look forward to seeing on the field. He is probably the fastest young man on our team."

Juniors Justin Collins, Casey Jones and Kyle Benzio, none of whom caught a pass, will compete for the job at tight end.

Through the first five games of the season, Temple used five different offensive line combinations because of injuries. Three starters return: senior tackle Eric Johnson, sophomore tackle Roger Chanoine and senior guard Ed Bowen. Also penciled in are junior center Rick Smith and junior guard Charlie Morris.

The defensive line produced 18 sacks last year. Senior nose tackle Tealang Lloyd and senior end Tim Terry led the way with four apiece, and both return. Also returning are sophomore Robert Kelly and senior Jason Davis, who shared one end position.

The fourth starter probably will be senior tackle Ben Mayer, a transfer from Florida State. Dickerson says, "He brings a lot to the table. He brings enthusiasm and he's extremely powerful."

Two-thirds of an outstanding linebacking corps departed in Johnstone and Willie Brown, leaving senior Alshemond Singleton returning in the middle. He was the team's No. 2 tackler with 151 stops, just two behind Johnstone.

Senior Corey Green, 1995 fullback, should man one outside spot, with senior Keith Kerrin at the other.

The leader of the secondary is senior free safety Ted McDuffie, who totaled 86 tackles last year. Sophomore Lamond Adams and junior Deadrake Epps split time at one corner, but Allan Jackson, who led the Owls with three interceptions, is gone. Epps probably will move over to fill that spot. Sophomore Kobie Barnett goes from free safety to the vacant strong safety spot.

Temple recruited a couple of junior college flashes to shore up the secondary, which intercepted only four passes. Excel Lucas and Rahmel Meade both run the 40 in 4.4.

Junior Zane Michalski converted 6-of-9 field-goal attempts last year and all 19 PATs. Temple signed junior college punter Josh Boies to replace record-setting John Shay. Walker is the main return man. Last year, he averaged 16.7 yards per kickoff return and 9.1 on punt returns.

"Every team in the Big East will be improved this season," Dickerson says. "Our program is heading in the proper direction. We have new facilities that have paid off in two excellent recruiting efforts. Our student-athletes are thrilled with the weight-training room that is on a par with virtually any collegiate institution in the country. Our players are hungry to get stronger and better."

And win more than one measly game.



**Head Coach:** John Bobo  
**1995 Record (Big West):** 6-5-0 (3-3-0)

Cleveland wasn't the only city whose Indians enjoyed a breakthrough year in 1995. After seven straight losing seasons and a four-year record of 6-37-1, the Arkansas State Indians of Jonesboro, Ark., who in 1993 were termed "the worst (Division I-A football) team in the United States" by Sports Illustrated, jumped from 1-10 in 1994 to 6-5 last year.

Those weren't the only numbers that jumped. The program had about 75 players participate in this past spring practice. That number may be modest for some power programs but is significant by recent ASU standards.

"We're excited because for the first time we have some depth," says Indians coach John Bobo, who earned Big West Conference Coach of the Year honors. Since then, the Indians have left the Big West Conference football consortium and will play this year as an independent.

As a result of the improved health of the Indian program, Bobo planned a true spring game for the first time. "In the past, we've had to line up offense vs. defense," he says.

And though graduation hit hard, leaving the Indians with only four returning starters on offense and five on defense (overall, the squad returns 37 of 60 lettermen), there now is a sense of optimism in Jonesboro.

Yes, improvement has been made in many areas by this long-suffering program. A telling statistic, involving penalties, from last fall highlights the progress. Arkansas State was flagged a mere 73 times for 598 lost yards. Conversely, foes were nailed 102 times for 850 yards.

The only returning quarterback with any experience is junior Brent Pettus, who has toiled in 16 games and started against Memphis in 1994 (completing 14-of-18 passes for 142 yards). Red-shirt freshman Sean Cockrell and junior college transfer Jeremie Watkins are the other scholarship quarterbacks.

The Indians operate from a single-back set, and they have a versatile player for that role in senior Corey Walker, who rushed for 1,013 yards, caught a team-high 42 passes and was eighth nationally in all-purpose yards.

"He's got to carry even more of a load this year," Bobo says.

Walker's emergence must be satisfying to ASU followers and Walker himself. Once a highly regarded college prospect out of Memphis Hillcrest High School, Walker finally emerged last season as a big-time college player.

Senior wideout Reginald Murphy, last year's No. 2 receiver with 38 catches, played baseball in the spring. He needs 18 receptions to break NFL star Fred Barnett's school record of 95. The other wideout should be one of two sophomores, Lennie Johnson or J.J. Washington.

Sophomore Scott LaRusso entered the spring as the No. 1 H-back. Senior Austin Tinsley, the No. 2 running back, also will back up LaRusso at the H-back position.



Senior Kevin Kammer and junior Rennell Woods are battling for the tight end spot.

On the offensive line, senior Jason Bennett started all season at center, and senior guard Brent Turner is another returning starter. Senior Brett Myers and sophomore Todd Frohbieter saw extensive action at tackle, as did senior Ben Dew at guard.

"We've got good size and good experience on the line, plus we've got some real depth for the first time since I've been here," Bobo says.

Defensively, sophomore Matt Smith started eight games at tackle, while the leading candidate to replace Carlo White at nose guard is sophomore Sedrick Richardson. Senior Gary Jackson earned All-Big West honors last year at one end

and sophomore Clarence Williams got several starts on the other. In addition, senior Tim Williams, an early-season starter, is back after missing most of the year with a broken leg.

"We've got to have some young players develop into men," Bobo says of his tackle corps.

Numerous scholarship linebackers return but the only starter back is senior Torrance Suggs, who moves from the weak side to the strong side. He recorded a team-high 84 tackles last year. Senior Linton Beavers shifts from middle linebacker to the weak side. The third member of the trio probably will be sophomore Koetter Little.

With 10 scholarship players available, the secondary should be the strength of the defense. Senior cornerback Darrell Baker and sophomore strong safety Chappell Mitchell were starters last season, while junior cornerback Rodney Allen and senior free safety Roderick Mosley started at times.

**"We're excited because for the first time we've got some depth."**

— John Bobo

Providing a substantial boost to the defensive backfield will be senior strong safety Maurice Harris, who was felled by a knee injury in Game 2 of last season and given a medical hardship. Sophomore cornerback Jeremiah Ligon provides depth.

Bluntly, the Indian kicking game is a major concern because punter Kyle Richardson and his 40.9-yard average have departed. If junior Scott Simons (a transfer from Middle Tennessee State) or redshirt freshman Lucas Haman can't fill Richardson's shoes, Bobo may have to call upon a true freshman.

"(This) is a very critical position, and we need someone who can step up and become a solid punter," says Bobo.

Senior placekicker Jeff Caldwell returns, but he made only 5-of-13 field-goal attempts last season and could be unseated by sophomore Chris Stevens.

Although the schedule takes the Indians to Brigham Young and Ole Miss, it also includes a Division II opponent (Central Arkansas) and a pair of Division I-AA foes (Austin Peay and Southeast Missouri State). Trips to UAB, Southwestern Louisiana, Mississippi, East Carolina and Nevada will prove interesting. With the momentum built from last season, the Indians have a reasonable chance to win six games.

As for the future, Sun Belt Conference officials have begun informal talks about sponsoring football. Arkansas State would join former Big West cohorts (and fellow Sun Belt members) Louisiana Tech and Southwestern Louisiana, and perhaps Northeast Louisiana, Middle Tennessee State and at least one other program. No timetable regarding formation has yet been set.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (4)

WR	Lennie Johnson (So., 1); Ramone Lee (Fr., 0)
QT	Todd Frohbieter (So., 1); Jason Sink (Jr., 0)
QG	Ben Dew (Sr., 1); Mike Wolford (Fr., 0)
C	Jason Bennett (Sr., 3); Sean Burdick (Jr., 0)
SG	Brent Turner (Sr., 3); Seth McCullar (Fr., 0)
ST	Brett Myers (Sr., 3); Matt Turner (Fr., 0)
TE	Kevin Kammer (Sr., 3); Rennell Woods (Jr., 2)
QB	Brent Pettus (Jr., 2); Sean Cockrell (Fr., 0)
H	Scott LaRusso (So., 1); Ian Sullivan (Fr., 0)
B	Corey Walker (Sr., 2); Austin Tinsley (Sr., 3)
WR	Reginald Murphy (Sr., 3); J.J. Washington (So., 1)
PK	Jeff Caldwell (Sr., 3)

### DEFENSE (5)

RCB	Roderick Mosley (Sr., 1); Jeremiah Ligon (So., 1)
FS	Roderick Mosley (Sr., 1); Maurice Harris (Sr., 3)
SS	Chappell Mitchell (So., 1); Denishio Blanchett (Fr., 0)
LCB	Darrell Baker (Sr., 1); Thomas Canale (So., 1)
WLB	Linton Beavers (Sr., 3); Donnell Jordan (Jr., 0)
MLB	Koetter Little (So., 1); Kelvin Tate (Jr., 1)
SLB	Torrance Suggs (Sr., 3); Kevin Brazile (So., 1)
DE	Gary Jackson (Sr., 3); Tim Williams (Sr., 2)
NG	Sedrick Richardson (So., 1); Mark Davenport (So., 1)
DT	Matt Smith (So., 1); Daniel Alvares (Fr., 0)
DE	Clarence Williams (So., 1); Chris Petersen (Jr., 2)
P	Scott Simons (Jr., 0)

(All players listed as starters)  
 Bold numbers indicate seniors  
 NUMBER After Class (Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors)



**Head Coach:** Dick Flynn  
**1995 Record (MAC):** 4-7-0 (2-6-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 4th MAC

Central Michigan didn't quite plunge from the penthouse to the outhouse last year, but it was close.

The 1995 season "was a big disappointment for all of us," says coach Dick Flynn, who led the Chippewas to the Mid-American Conference title in his first season (1994), only to lose most of his key personnel and fall from the heights of a 9-2 record to a 4-7 mark last year (2-6, tied for seventh in the MAC). "We were coming off a great season with high goals for the year. It just didn't happen."

Central Michigan played a bevy of freshmen last year, and while the youngsters underwent growing pains, they also laid a foundation for the future, according to Flynn.

The future is now for the Chippewas as they head into 1996 with 41 of 58 lettermen returning, including seven starters on offense and nine on defense. They must replace both kicking specialists.

"We do have a lot of players back, but many of them are still young," Flynn says. "We should be an improved football team, but the MAC looks so strong this year that it will be a difficult test for everyone. I'm concerned that almost every team will be better and our final record may not indicate how much we've improved."

Central Michigan was especially young last year at the skill positions. Quarterback Chad Darnell, now a senior, completed 130-of-258 passes (50.3 percent) for 1,724 yards and 10 touchdowns, with 12 interceptions, in his first year as a starter.

Junior Tim Crowley, who played in two games but didn't throw a pass, could challenge for the starting assignment, as could sophomore Tony Lorenzatti and redshirt freshman Jeff Davis.

Sophomore tailback Silas Massey was voted the MAC's Freshman of the Year after rushing for 1,089 yards although he didn't become a starter until the midway point of the season. Senior fullback Chris Parmele (eight carries, 24 yards) should be his running mate.

Sophomore Chad Alexander is slated to be Massey's backup, and sophomore Jeff Angeli will support Parmele.

Four sophomores got considerable experience at the receiver positions, led by walk-on split end Bryan Schorman (38 catches, 604 yards before a season-ending collarbone injury) and flanker Reggie Allen (15 receptions, 304 yards).

Allen is the best athlete among the wideouts. Sophomore tight end Adam Simonson grabbed 22 aeriels for 261 yards. Also in the mix are junior flanker Blake Schanski and sophomore split end Rory Nevins.

"We should have the ability to move the football," Flynn says. "We were awfully young at the skill positions last season, and they're a year older."

Three starters return to the offensive line — senior tackle Scott Rehberg, junior tackle Gary



Cory Gildersleeve

Glowacki and junior guard Rollie Ferris. Rehberg could be playing in the National Football League next year.

New starters figure to be senior center Jim Kozlowski and sophomore guard Gene Miller. Backups include sophomore tackles Kevin Bahr and Doug Bontekoe, redshirt freshman guards Tom Ellis and Jason Koster, and sophomore center Mike Cipa. Their development will be a key factor in how well the offense performs this fall.

Five players with experience return on the defensive line, and all are underclassmen. Sophomore middle guard Calvin Massenberg and junior tackle Travis Allen were starters and will be joined this season by sophomore tackle C.J. Remmo.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (7)

FL	28	Reggie Allen (So., 0); 21 Blake Schanski (Jr., 0)
TE	85	Adam Simonson (So., 1); 82 Steve Kelly (Sr., 2)
OT	64	Gary Glowacki (Jr., 1); 76 Kevin Bahr (So., 0)
OG	65	Rollie Ferris (Jr., 1); 75 Tom Ellis (Fr., 0)
C	61	Jim Kozlowski (Sr., 1); 52 Mike Cipa (So., 0)
OG	67	Gene Miller (So., 0); 68 Jason Koster (Fr., 0)
OT	79	Scott Rehberg (Sr., 3); 73 Doug Bontekoe (So., 0)
SE	86	Bryan Schorman (So., 1); 5 Rory Nevins (So., 1)
QB	7	Chad Darnell (Sr., 2); 9 Tim Crowley (Jr., 0)
TB	3	Silas Massey (So., 1); 32 Chad Alexander (So., 1)
FB	34	Chris Parmele (Sr., 3); 19 Jeff Angeli (So., 0)
PK	20	Adam Williams (Jr., 0)

### DEFENSE (8)

DT	77	Travis Allen (Jr., 1); 97 Steve Black (Jr., 0)
MG	33	Calvin Massenberg (So., 1); 75 Scott Brown (Sr., 0)
DT	74	C.J. Remmo (So., 1); 90 George Ghattas (So., 1)
OLB	94	Bubba Hester (Sr., 3); 35 Desmond Schultz (Sr., 2)
ILB	53	Cory Gildersleeve (Sr., 3); 37 Shawn Alpers (Sr., 3)
ILB	50	Charlie Bush (Jr., 2); 46 Shawn Deer (Sr., 2)
OLB	95	Greg Spranger (Sr., 3); 96 Martin Hage (So., 1)
CB	23	Jason Husband (Jr., 2); 43 Byron Phillips (So., 1)
FS	10	Quincy Wright (Sr., 3); 17 Paul Gauthier (So., 1)
SS	29	John Blackstock (Sr., 3); 22 Jamell Jefferson (So., 1)
CB	12	Shawn Williams (So., 1); 31 Daryl Montie (Jr., 2)
P	20	Adam Williams (Jr., 0)

(P) indicates number of previous seasons  
 BOLD indicates returning starters  
 UNDERLINE AFTER CLASS indicates letters won

The backups look to be junior Steve Black and sophomore George Ghattas at the tackles and senior Scott Brown at middle guard.

The strength of the Central Michigan defense should be the linebacking corps, as the four outside linebackers and the top six inside 'backers all return. At the outside spots, seniors Bubba Hester and Greg Spranger combined for 91 tackles last season. At the inside positions, senior Cory Gildersleeve led the Chippewas with 127 tackles, and junior Charlie Bush was third with 103.

Also vying for playing time at linebacker will be seniors Desmond Schultz, Shawn Alpers and Shawn Deer, and sophomore Martin Hage.

The secondary boasts experience with three starters returning. The top hand is senior free safety Quincy Wright, a two-time All-MAC performer who recorded 124 tackles and three interceptions in 1995. Also back are junior Jason

**"The MAC looks so strong this year that it will be a difficult test for everyone."**

— Dick Flynn

Husband (40 tackles, four pass breakups) and sophomore Shawn Williams (98 stops, two fumble recoveries, seven pass breakups) at the cornerback spots. Senior John Blackstock should be the strong safety.

"We're veteran at the linebacker position and should be improved in the secondary," Flynn says. "The key is the progress we get up front. We'll run to the football better this year."

The kicking game is a concern. Junior college transfer Ben Kroft, who sat out last season, gets first shot at the punting assignment, while juniors Adam Williams and Casey Wilson, a juco transfer, will battle for the placekicking job.

Massey returned 16 kickoffs for a 27.1-yard average. Allen ran back the same number and averaged 19.8. No one on the roster returned a punt last year.

The Chippewas will square off against Boise State of the Big West Conference in the season opener, then travel to Charlottesville, Va., for their first-ever matchup with ACC member Virginia. Central Michigan then welcomes Louisiana Tech, a former Big West team playing this year as an independent, to Mount Pleasant before beginning the MAC schedule against in-state rival Western Michigan the third weekend of September, also at home. The Chippewas will close out the conference slate against defending MAC champion Toledo on the road.

The Chippewas should improve this season as Flynn's young charges mature, but with several other teams in the MAC also gaining strength, the final record may not reflect much change from last fall's mark of 4-7. Look for Central Michigan again to finish in the upper echelon of the MAC but not among the top three.



**Head Coach:** Joe Novak  
**1995 Record (Big West):** 3-8-0 (3-3-0)

**E** is a key letter with the Northern Illinois football program.

Charlie Sadler has "Exited" after five straight losing seasons and an 18-37-0 mark. New leader Joe Novak, 50, "Enters."

The defensive coordinator at Northern Illinois under Bill Mallory from 1980-83, Novak followed Mallory to Indiana and coordinated the Hoosier defense during the past 12 years.

He arrived in DeKalb preaching 'E' — for Effort. "Great effort in life, effort in the classroom, effort on the practice field and effort on game day. That's the big buzzword around here — effort," Novak says.

The 1995 Huskies were 3-8 overall, 3-3 in their Big West Conference football consortium swan song. For this season, Northern Illinois will compete as an independent. In 1997, the school returns to the Mid-American Conference, of which Northern Illinois was a member from 1975 until 1985. Novak was part of the Huskies' MAC championship of 1993 and California Bowl victory over California State Fullerton.

"The most exciting thing Northern Illinois is doing is getting back into the MAC," the coach says.

"I'd applied for a couple of jobs in the past and they just weren't good fits," Novak adds. "Knowing DeKalb, knowing NIU, knowing the program is going back to the MAC, it's a great fit — the right fit — for me."

Novak, who was defensive coordinator at Miami of Ohio and defensive line coach at Illinois before his first stint at NIU, is faced with restructuring a defense that surrendered 38.2 points per game last season, among the worst marks in the nation.

"I don't think this is a rebuilding job; I think it is a retooling job," says Novak, who will change the Huskie defensive look from the read 4-3 to an attack 4-3. "Instead of reading and reacting, we'll have a different approach with our front seven. We'll be aggressive, we'll blitz and we'll mix it up. Our defense is the big question mark."

There are a few question marks on offense, too, particularly at quarterback. Two-year starter Aaron Gilbert is gone. Juniors Brandon Barker and Kenneth Williams, and redshirt freshman Randall Foster will vie for the vacant signal-calling spot.

Barker, whose uncle is NFL quarterback Bobby Brister, started two late-season games (completing 15-of-32 passes for 291 yards and two touchdowns) before separating his left shoulder. Williams started the 1995 finale.

The Huskies were 10th nationally in rushing in 1995 (227.0 yards a game) and return senior tailback Charles Talley (140.0 yards a game).

"He's a physical runner, a tough kid," Novak says of Talley. "That's a great way to start a running game. Our tailback will get the ball 45 times a game."

Supporting Talley are senior Scott Florence and



Charles Talley

sophomore Marceo Haywood, both solid reserve backs.

Senior Anthony Griffin returns at fullback and will be challenged by junior Justin Knapp.

Sophomore flanker Deon Mitchell, the team's second-leading receiver (23 grabs, 272 yards, two touchdowns), is a big-play specialist. "We just have to get him the football," Novak says. Senior Leon Moody takes over at split end.

Senior Mitch Jacoby (6-5, 245) returns at tight end after catching nine passes (183 yards) against San Jose State. In that game, Jacoby tallied a 50-yard touchdown, the longest catch by a tight end at Northern Illinois since 1978.

The Huskies must replace three offensive linemen who were drafted by Canadian Football

League teams. Returning are junior guard Kent "Phone" Booth and junior tackle Jamie Macdonald, along with sophomore guard Bill Wise and sophomore Nick Lundin, who takes over at center. The other tackle could be junior Chris Thornton.

"Booth is a big-time player," says Novak. "He could play for anybody in the Big Ten."

Defensively, Northern Illinois needs front wall help from three junior college recruits — tackles Abie Camacho and Bill Simpson, and end Will Ford, who could supplant returning senior starter Wade White. There is an acute shortage of experienced tackles, especially since senior Steve Rhoads missed the spring with left knee ligament problems.

The spring starters were Ford at end, sophomore nose guard Andy Ducar, senior tackle Luke Davis and sophomore end Dan Stankowski.

**"That's the big buzzword around here — effort. Effort in life, in the classroom, on the practice field and on game day."**

—Joe Novak

Linebackers Mandel Hester, a senior, and sophomore Orlando Bowen hope to return from medical redshirt seasons. Senior Daren Lloyd and junior Steve Smith were last year's starters. Junior Perry Amoo also should fit in. Junior Garrett Sutherland will play.

In the secondary, three regulars return — junior cornerback William Triplett, sophomore cornerback Patrick Stephen (now at strong safety) and senior strong safety Aldarryl "Lulu" Jones, who switches to free safety. Look for junior Salim Phillips at strong safety and sophomore Duane Hawthorne at cornerback.

Novak is concerned about his kickers.

Sophomore Brian Clark connected on 4-of-6 field goal attempts and 16-of-17 PATs last year. Walk-on sophomore Brian Wiseman may inherit the punting job. However, freshman Kent Baker could handle both kicking and punting chores.

Coverage and return play should be above average. The return unit is led by Moody, who averaged 20.8 yards on 16 kickoff returns and 9.4 yards on 22 punt returns. Jones had a 21.5-yard average on 32 kickoff returns.

For its one-year transitional season, Northern Illinois will play an interesting schedule that features teams from the ACC (Maryland, away), Big Ten (Penn State, away), Big West (North Texas, home), C-USA (Louisville, away), MAC (Akron, home), Pac-10 (Oregon State, away) and WAC (UTER, home). In addition, the Huskies will travel to Arkansas State and Southwestern Louisiana, and host Louisiana Tech and Division I-A member Western Illinois. Northern Illinois should be competitive against at least seven of these, so a winning season is possible. It would be

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (5)

SE	88	Leon Moody (Sr., 1); 81 Rhassan Smith (Fr., 0)
LG	62	Jamie Macdonald (Jr., 1); 75 Keith Schulte (So., 0)
LT	64	Bill Wise (So., 1); Mike Belmonte (So., 0)
C	68	Nick Lundin (So., 1); 65 Greg Merow (Fr., 0)
RG	73	Kent Booth (Jr., 1); 76 Rich Turrisi (So., 0)
RT	71	Chris Thornton (Jr., 1); 74 Shane Waller (So., 0)
TE	82	Mitch Jacoby (Sr., 3); 80 Bobby Reed (So., 1)
QB	16	Brandon Barker (Jr., 2); 19 Kenneth Williams (Jr., 1)
FB	49	Anthony Griffin (Sr., 1); 41 Matt Chambers (So., 0)
TB	8	Charles Talley (Sr., 3); 6 Scott Florence (Sr., 1)
FL	3	Deon Mitchell (So., 1); 5 Cordell Smith (So., 0)
PK	17	Brian Clark (So., 1)

### DEFENSE (5)

LE	99	Will Ford (Jr., 0); 55 Wade White (Sr., 1)
DT	85	Luke Davis (Sr., 1); 91 Justin Heitt (So., 0)
NG	96	Andy Ducar (So., 0); 72 Joe Rebholz (Fr., 0)
RE	93	Dan Stankowski (So., 1); 94 Glenn Brown (Sr., 1)
SLB	59	Daren Lloyd (Sr., 1); 45 Garrett Sutherland (Jr., 2)
MLB	51	Steve Smith (Jr., 2); 35 Glenn Bloodsaw (Fr., 0)
WLB	23	Perry Amoo (Jr., 1); 38 Craig Dykstra (Fr., 0)
RC	32	William Triplett (Jr., 2); 10 Rayshon Jackson (So., 1)
SS	44	Salim Phillips (Jr., 2); 43 Patrick Stephen (So., 1)
FS	22	Aldarryl Jones (Sr., 1); 27 Damien Mallory (Sr., 2)
LC	14	Duane Hawthorne (So., 1); 4 James Allen (Sr., 1)
P	18	Kent Baker (Fr., 0)

(\*) Indicates Player is Returning, Seniors  
 Bold indicates returning seniors  
 NUMBER After QUOTE indicates Letter W



**Head Coach:** Gary Blackney  
**1995 Record (MAC):** 5-6 (3-5)  
**1996 Pick:** 5th MAC

It may have been the biggest upset since Thomas E. Dewey lost the 1948 presidential election to Harry S. Truman. But the season of its discontent is a thing of the past and Bowling Green can look ahead to 1996.

In the 1995 Mid-American Conference pre-season poll, Bowling Green received 38 of 40 first-place votes, only to stumble home 5-6 — it took a season-ending two-game winning streak to reach that level — and sixth in the MAC at 3-5. The Falcons couldn't quite match death, taxes and Dewey as the only sure things.

"I look at 1996 much the same way we did when we came to the program in 1991," Coach Gary Blackney says. "Like 1991, we are approaching the upcoming season after a year in which we had a losing record, and we have a number of unknowns which need to be answered."

For the first time in Blackney's tenure, injuries played a major role and kept some key people from playing major roles. Quarterback Ryan Henry missed four games and most of a fifth, offensive tackle Sam Hemke missed seven games and center Cal Bowers missed the last six.

"In looking back on last season, the factor which we lacked was continuity and consistency," Blackney says. "And the main reason for our downfall in those areas was injuries. We had too many new faces, too often, in the lineup."

For example, 11 defensive players earned their first career starts. Nevertheless, Blackney's teams have compiled a 41-14-2 record in his five seasons, 31-7-2 in MAC games.

"Chemistry and synergy are major factors in the success of any team," Blackney adds. "Those two factors are as important as any other characteristic in developing a winning football team."

Bowling Green returns 31 of 48 lettermen, including six starters on offense and seven on defense. Both kickers are gone. Fifteen of the 19 defensive lettermen started at least one game.

The offensive line lost two cornerstones in Bowers and tackle Chad Bukey. This year's group will be led by senior guard Shawn George (6-4, 280), who has started every game the last two years, even though he played more than half of last season with a cast on a broken hand.

Junior John Kuck (6-4, 260) started 10 games last year, six at center where he will play this season. Senior guard David Farrall (6-2, 270) started nine times. Hemke (6-3, 290), a junior tackle, was limited to four games by a shoulder injury.

Even without Henry, the backfield can be considered the strength of the offense, especially at tailback where seniors Keylan Cates and Courtney Davis return. Cates has led the team in rushing the last two years, gaining more than 800 yards each time with 17 touchdowns. A strong '96 campaign could place him among the top three Falcons rushers of all time. Davis is the best all-around back, having rushed for 1,244 yards



while catching 42 passes. Sophomore Jerel Klue takes over at fullback after starting one game last season.

The not-so-new quarterback is sophomore Bob Niemet, the best rushing QB in Blackney's tenure and a strong-armed thrower chronically bothered by recurring tendinitis in his left knee. Niemet managed to start four times and completed 45.9 percent of his passes for 733 yards and four TDs. He also rushed for seven TDs.

Senior long-range scoring threat Eric Starks, a transfer from Ohio State before the '95 season, was the top pass catcher from his split end position, with 32 receptions. Senior wideout Jacque Rogers had 10 of his 17 receptions in the last four games. One of the wide receiver candidates is

junior college transfer Terry Loville, whose brother, Derek, plays running back for the San Francisco 49ers. Tight end Trevor Stover graduated, leaving the position to three players with limited experience. Sophomore Tony Holcomb (6-4, 240) is the favorite.

As has been the case the last few seasons, the strength of the defense is at linebacker, especially the inside positions. Both starters return in junior Kevin O'Neill (6-1, 230) and sophomore Adam Lige (5-11, 210). O'Neill, who replaced two-time MAC Defensive Player of the Year Vince Palko last season, was second in the MAC with 12.2 tackles per game, 134 for the season. Lige was second on the Falcons with 84 stops. "In order for our defense to reach its fullest potential," states Blackney, "O'Neill has to take on a role similar to the one played by Palko during his career. I think he is on track to do that."

**"Chemistry and synergy are major factors . . . in developing a winning football team."**

**—Coach Gary Blackney**

The outside linebackers will be new, probably juniors Brian Manns (6-2, 240) and Todd Bush (6-0, 235), who moves over from an inside linebacking spot.

The only returning starter on the defensive line is sophomore nose guard Dan King (6-1, 260), who should anchor the unit for the next few seasons. The other two spots are open, although senior Dave Bruhowzki (6-4, 240) has started 15 games at nose guard the last two years — he now finds himself at tackle — and junior Gardner Howard (6-2, 270) started nine games, five at tackle.

There are plenty of quality players in the secondary. Senior cornerback Tony Everhart has 15 career starts (four last season) and led the MAC with five interceptions in 1994. Junior Demetrius Carr, who led the team with nine pass break ups, started nine games at the other corner and has excellent speed. Junior Chioke Bradley, a 17-game starter at strong safety, should provide serious competition for Everhart at the "boundary" corner position. Junior Williams, a sophomore, and Jamaine Williams, a junior, were the starters at strong and free safety, respectively, at the end of last season. They are not related. Sophomore Orlando Rogers started the first eight games at free safety.

The kicking game lost four-year punter Andy Tracy and placekicker Derek Schorejs. Sophomore Andy Pollock probably will handle both jobs; he has a strong leg, but has never place-kicked or punted at the varsity level. "Andy certainly has all the tools," confirms Blackney.

Running backs Davis (19.6-yard average) and Cates (15.3) are the primary kickoff returners; Davis also hauls back punts (6.9).

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (6)

TE	88	Tony Holcomb (So., 1); 56 Cotton Phillips (Jr., 0)
LT	66	Sam Hemke (Jr., 2); 61 Dontay Hunter (Jr., 0)
LG	68	Shawn George (Sr., 2); 78 T.J. Upshaw (Fr., 0)
C	58	John Kuck (Jr., 2); 67 Ed Merrick (Jr., 2)
RG	70	David Farrall (Sr., 1); 62 Chad McCarthy (Fr., 0)
RT	72	Steve Sheets (Sr., 0); 99 Al Barnett (Jr., 0)
SE	7	Eric Starks (Sr., 1); 6 Simon Banks (Jr., 0)
FL	80	Jacque Rogers (Sr., 1); 25 Morty Bryce (So., 0)
QB	12	Bob Niemet (So., 1); 11 Mark Molk (Fr., 0)
FB	42	Jerel Klue (So., 1); 41 Brent Martin (Fr., 0)
TB	32	Keylan Cates (Sr., 2); 1 Courtney Davis (Sr., 3)
PK	16	Andy Pollock (So., 0)

### DEFENSE (7)

DE	90	Dave Bruhowzki (Sr., 2); 91 Willie Watson (Jr., 1)
DT	64	Damon Smith (Sr., 2); 96 Gardner Howard (Jr., 2)
NG	59	Dan King (So., 1); 97 Anon Miller (Fr., 0)
OLB	52	Brian Manns (Jr., 2); Letoskey Carey (So., 0)
OLB	5	Todd Bush (Jr., 2); 44 Willie Burton (So., 1)
ILB	30	Kevin O'Neill (Jr., 2); 33 Jay Hoyer (Jr., 1)
ILB	47	Adam Lige (So., 1); 43 Joe O'Neill (Fr., 0)
CB	14	Tony Everhart (Sr., 2); 23 Chioke Bradley (Jr., 2)
CB	21	Demetrius Carr (Jr., 2); 20 Tyrone Cole (Fr., 0)
SS	17	Junior Williams (So., 1); 9 Steve Hartley (Sr., 3)
FS	4	Jamaine Williams (Jr., 1); 36 Orlando Rogers (So., 1)
P		Garrett Fowler (Fr., 0)

(#) INDICATES NUMBER OF RETURNING STARTERS  
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**Head Coach:** John Ralston  
**1995 Record (Big West):** 3-8-0 (2-4-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 7th WAC Pacific

John Ralston already is in the College Football Hall of Fame thanks to his outstanding coaching efforts at Utah State and Stanford in the 1960s and '70s. Now the oldest coach in Division I-A (he's 69 and armed with a two-year contract extension), Ralston and San Jose State have left the Big West Conference for the Western Athletic Conference.

"The WAC kicks us up to the College Football Association," Ralston says of the new affiliation. "That gets us up with the elite in college football. We've got to take a step forward to close the gap. Moving into the WAC also is a big step because of the consistent level of play of our opponents. There are no weak sisters anywhere in the WAC with the possible exceptions (this fall) of UTEP, UNLV and San Jose State, which are down."

It may take a while for the Spartans to reach the level of their WAC rivals. Last year, despite an experienced team, San Jose State finished 3-8, including 2-4 and a three-way tie for seventh place in the Big West. Ralston is 8-25 in his three seasons at San Jose State after being away from the college ranks for 22 years.

For the third time in four seasons, Ralston has numerous holes to fill. The Spartans return 39 of 59 lettermen, but only 10 starters.

When nearby University of the Pacific dropped football, Ralston signed two Pacific regulars — senior defensive tackle Sean Duncan and junior defensive tackle Shon Kendall — plus senior wide receiver Damon Bowers, who has totaled 48 catches in three seasons; junior linebacker Zach Michalski, who played in two games before suffering a season-ending injury; and redshirt freshman tight end Giovanni Toccagino.

Senior Spartan quarterback Carl Dean was pressed into action last year when opening-game starter Alli Abrew was lost with a wrist injury. Dean went on to complete 182-of-302 passes (60.3 percent) for 2,214 yards and 14 touchdowns. He was intercepted 10 times.

"The development of Carl Dean is very satisfying," Ralston says. "He's really taken charge, and I look for (junior backup) Dan O'Dell to come on more. With the addition of (junior college transfer) Chris Kasteler, we're solid as a rock."

Kasteler threw for 2,136 yards and 16 touchdowns in his only season at Santa Monica (Calif.) Community College and has three seasons of eligibility remaining.

The Spartans should again have a nice complement of running backs but no star. Senior halfback Patrick Walsh has started every game since late in his sophomore season, but he finished second in rushing a year ago behind workhorse fullback Donald Lindsey, now graduated (Walsh had 467 yards to Lindsey's 805).

Sophomore Carlos Meeks surged toward the end of the season, and his 5.0-yard average was higher than either Lindsey's or Walsh's. Sophomore James Hodgins is a promising replacement for Lindsey at fullback.



PETER BOULLETT

"We can be every bit as good as last year, or even better (at running back)," Ralston says. "As long as James Hodgins is healthy, we can be pretty good."

Sophomore Windrell Hayes (39 catches, 535 yards, five touchdowns), a starter at wide receiver last year, returns along with senior David Doyle. An ankle injury sidelined Doyle last season.

"Wide receiver — that's a solid spot for us with the addition of La Tef Grim (29 catches for 778 yards and nine touchdowns at Franklin High School in Stockton, Calif.)," Ralston says. "He's in the Windrell Hayes category. Damon Bowers, from Pacific, will be joining us in the fall. He's a great football player who can really tie the receiver group together."

Tight end is a major question mark, considering the program lost second-team All-American Brian Roche and his team-leading 66 receptions. The answer could be Utah State transfer Michael Hamilton, a senior.

The offensive front also is a major question mark, with center Harry Daniels and tackle Kurt Strauss, both sophomores, the only returnees from the starting lineup. The rest could include senior twins and San Diego State transfers Matt and Mark Roe, juniors Curtice Macfarlane and Cory Jones, and sophomores Scott Herzog and David Loverne.

San Jose State has a number of holes to fill defensively, starting with the line, where the only returning starter is junior tackle Jerald Perry. Sophomore Gavin Simmons and Pacific transfers Duncan and Kendall apparently will battle at the other tackle spot, while senior nose guard Tony Gratton returns after missing the last two seasons with back problems.

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— John Ralston

"The defensive line is a big mystery," Ralston says. "The addition of the Pacific kids gets me excited. What you sometimes need to do is raise the level of play of the entire group. We've got to remember that Tony Gratton is back and can play nose guard. I have great hopes for him emerging with Sean Duncan and Shon Kendall. Jerald Perry and the others give us a mixture we haven't had before — competitiveness — which would give us the best defensive line we've had since we've been here."

Ralston feels fairly comfortable about the line-backing corps, although he points out, "We've got to find a pass rusher somewhere."

Back are two starters, senior Jacob Malae inside and senior Eric Quarles outside. Malae was the team's leading tackler with 100 stops. The Spartans also will look to senior Robert Webb, junior Sam Kupau, and sophomores Sam Sherrod and Kevin Miller, along with Michalski and juco transfers Eric Coughran and Trevis Wooden.

The cornerbacks are juniors Eric Polk and Omarr Smith, and the safeties will be senior Jarrett Robinson and sophomore Floyd Johnson.

Senior placekicker Joe Furlow (10-of-13 field goals, 29-of-31 PATs) was a semifinalist for the 1995 Lou Groza Award. Sophomore punter Jason Chapple was erratic (36.9-yard average after averaging 45.2 in high school) and was replaced by Furlow (38.0) for the final three games.

Meeks (20.7-yard average) and sophomore Carlos Bryant (20.0) were the top kickoff returners. Bryant and Malae each returned one punt.

Can the Spartans make an immediate impact on the WAC? No way, San Jose.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (5)

WR	La Tef Grim (Fr., 3); David Doyle (Sr., 1)
LT	65 Matt Roe (Sr., 0); 75 Scott Herzog (So., 0)
LG	77 Curtice Macfarlane (Jr., 2); 71 Cory Jones (Jr., 1)
C	62 Harry Daniels (So., 1); 73 Mark Roe (Sr., 0)
RG	79 David Loverne (So., 0); 77 Curtice Macfarlane (Jr., 2)
RT	69 Kurt Strauss (So., 1); 71 Cory Jones (Jr., 1)
TE	86 Michael Hamilton (Sr., 0); 83 Brandon Knapp (So., 0)
WR	81 Windrell Hayes (So., 1); 9 Carlos Bryant (So., 1)
QB	10 Carl Dean (Sr., 1); 13 Dan O'Dell (Jr., 2)
FB	28 James Hodgins (So., 1); 30 Billy Yuniwai (Jr., 2)
HB	20 Patrick Walsh (Sr., 3); 26 Carlos Meeks (So., 1)
PK	39 Joe Furlow (Sr., 1)

### DEFENSE (5)

OLB	33 Eric Coughran (Sr., 3); 56 Sam Sherrod (So., 1)
LT	98 Jerald Perry (Jr., 2); 74 Eric Michel (Jr., 2)
NG	57 Tony Gratton (Sr., 2); 96 Jason Mitchell (Fr., 0)
RT	55 Gavin Simmons (So., 1); 84 Shon Kendall (Jr., 0)
OLB	91 Eric Quarles (Sr., 3); 80 James Ditch (Fr., 0)
ILB	44 Jacob Malae (Sr., 2); 66 Robert Webb (Sr., 1)
ILB	53 Sam Kupau (Jr., 2); 40 Trevis Wooden (Jr., 0)
CB	27 Eric Polk (Jr., 1); 29 Pat Bush (Sr., 10)
FS	19 Jarrett Robinson (Sr., 1); 4 Maurice Simpson (Sr., 2)
SS	11 Floyd Johnson (So., 1); 31 Robert Jones (Sr., 1)
CB	14 Omarr Smith (So., 1); 1 Wardell Crutchfield (Jr., 1)
P	39 Joe Furlow (Sr., 1)

(Fr.) indicates Freshman or Returnee. Sophomores.  
 Bold indicates returning starter.  
 Number after class indicates letters won.







**Head Coach:** Gary Crowton  
**1995 Record (Big West):** 5-6-0 (2-4-0)

**A**fter three years as a member of the Big West Conference football consortium, the Louisiana Tech football program decided to make some major changes. The two most significant were the decisions to leave the Big West and to dismiss coach Joe Raymond Peace, who had suffered three consecutive losing campaigns.

Former offensive coordinator Gary Crowton is the new coach. However, there is no new league for the Bulldogs, who compete in all other sports in the Sun Belt Conference. Thus, Louisiana Tech will begin play this fall as a major independent.

The decision to leave the Big West was influenced, in part, by the school's instituting of a five-year program known as TECH 2000, a two-part plan involving a blueprint for Louisiana Tech's overall athletic program and a fundraising drive which will attempt to solicit a minimum of \$200 per year (through 1999) from 2,000 supporters of Tech athletics.

What this all means in terms of conference affiliation is unclear. The Sun Belt has only very informally considered any type of football grouping, according to the league's director of communications, Tom Burnett.

"(Adding football) has been talked about, but that is about as far as it has gone," Burnett says. "Having football would increase our visibility."

However, only four Sun Belt schools (Louisiana Tech, Southwestern Louisiana, Arkansas State and Western Kentucky) field football teams, with Western having a Division I-AA program. And the list of Southern-based independent football programs looking for a home is limited to UAB, East Carolina, Central Florida, Northeast Louisiana and Middle Tennessee State, the first three of which appear unlikely to join with the Sun Belt schools in any arrangement. Middle Tennessee plans to make the move to I-AA football in 1998.

Regardless, Louisiana Tech must prepare for this year as an independent.

Crowton inherits 28 of 46 lettermen. They include seven starters on offense — the losses are four linemen — six on defense and an outstanding placekicker.

In his first two seasons, encompassing 19 starts, senior quarterback Jason Martin passed for only eight touchdowns and was intercepted 27 times. Last year came the breakthrough, however. Martin threw for 2,606 yards and a school-record 24 touchdowns. He had better flirt with those numbers again because junior college transfer Tim Rattay amassed even better ones, leading all junior college signal-callers with 3,526 yards and 28 touchdowns at Scottsdale (Ariz.) Community College.

Led by senior Lee Ragsdale, one of a handful of Division I-A players last year who rushed more than 100 times and averaged more than seven yards a carry, running back could be the Bulldogs' deepest and best-fortified position. Ragsdale gained 768 yards in 1995.



Jason Martin

Junior Terence Wilson returns at fullback, where he mostly blocks. He averaged 4.9 yards on 21 carries.

As a team, Tech rushed for 2,086 yards and 5.3 yards per carry, two of the better marks nationally.

On the flanks, senior Chad Mackey, regarded as a pro prospect and an All-America candidate, is the nation's top returning receiver with 90 receptions (third nationally a year ago) and 1,253 yards (fifth). Senior Dean Jackson has caught 99 passes in the last two seasons.

Junior Josh Bradley placed sixth nationally among tight ends last fall with 40 receptions for 505 yards.

Clearly, the aforementioned pass-catching trio is one of the country's best.

The offensive line features promising but inexperienced players, with senior tackle Clay Hopkins the only returning starter. The other tackle assignment will go to either Chris Crudup or Justin Moss, both juniors.

One guard position is available. During spring sessions, redshirt freshmen Josh Yankowsky and Jeff McKnight battled for the starting role, with several others not far behind. Senior Kenneth Gilchrist is the front-runner at the other guard, and juco transfer Robert Saums should move into the center spot.

On the defensive line, the return of senior Keith Washington, who redshirted last year with a left quadriceps injury after starting in 1994, gives the Bulldogs a dependable leader at end. However, the spring depth chart showed seniors Bert Jynes and DeJuan Washington as starters. Junior Rodney Lloyd is tops at one tackle. Sophomore Jarrett Procell should hold down the other side.

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Tech linebackers feature considerable talent but not much size. The favorite in the middle is junior Myron Smith. Top candidates for the outside spots include junior Gomeya Cooper and sophomore Adrian Fredericks.

The Louisiana Tech program received tragic news when cornerback Willie Smith, who tied for the national lead last year with eight interceptions, was killed in an accidental shooting in his hometown of Dallas on New Year's Eve.

Tech, however, does return senior James Crockett, who tied for fifth nationally with six interceptions. Joining him at cornerback will be sophomore Aaron Puckett. Senior Jonathan Maxwell and junior college transfer Yemi Cummings-John will back up at the corners.

At free safety, the Bulldogs return junior Eric Starks. Junior Derrick Parker is the favorite to start at strong safety.

Junior placekicker Marty Kent was compared to former Tech star Chris Boniol of the Dallas Cowboys after connecting on 12-of-14 field-goal tries and 38-of-39 PATs. Kent may punt as well. Maxwell returned 33 kickoffs last year for a 19.0-yard average. Punt returns will again be handled by Jackson, whose 11.3-yard average led the Big West.

Louisiana Tech faces a schedule that should afford the Bulldogs a chance to win six games. Although there isn't a sure win in Tech's first eight games, look for Crowton's troops to win at least two and possibly four of those. Highlighting that eight-game stretch are home contests with Baylor and Toledo and road trips to Mississippi State, Texas A&M and Arkansas. The last three opponents are UAB, Northern Illinois and Arkansas State, the latter two on the road.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (7)

WR	4	Chad Mackey (Sr., 3); 88 Spencer Heard (Sr., 3)
ST	71	Chris Crudup (Jr., 2); 58 Justin Moss (Jr., 2)
SG	73	Kenneth Gilchrist (Sr., 1); 66 Joey Chustz (So., 0)
C	64	Robert Saums (Jr., 0); 65 Rob Koontz (Fr., 0)
QG	52	Josh Yankowsky (Fr., 0); 70 Jeff McKnight (Fr., 0)
QT	55	Clay Hopkins (Sr., 2); 69 Shawn O'Toole (So., 0)
WR	8	Dean Jackson (Sr., 2); 15 Cedric Williams (Jr., 2)
TE	86	Josh Bradley (Jr., 1); 83 Jason Powers (Jr., 1)
FB	20	Terence Wilson (Jr., 2); 32 Marcus Tatum (So., 0)
TB	25	Lee Ragsdale (Sr., 1); 24 Jason Armstrong (Jr., 2)
QB	10	Jason Martin (Sr., 3); 7 Chad Burks (Sr., 1)
PK	41	Marty Kent (Jr., 2)

### DEFENSE (3)

E	48	Bert Jynes (Sr., 2); 56 Steve Johnson (Jr., 2)
T	5	Rodney Lloyd (Jr., 1); 96 Chris Willis (Fr., 0)
T	93	Jarrett Procell (So., 0); 94 Wilbur Harbor (Jr., 0)
E	14	DeJuan Washington (Sr., 2); 59 Desmond Nunery (Fr., 0)
SLB	11	Gomeya Cooper (Jr., 0); 62 Titus Daniel (Sr., 3)
MLB	21	Myron Smith (Jr., 2); 50 Devonn Head (So., 1)
WLB	42	Adrian Fredericks (So., 1); 39 Carlos Helm (Fr., 0)
CB	26	Aaron Puckett (So., 1); 2 Yemi Cummings-John (Jr., 0)
CB	37	James Crockett (Sr., 2); 27 Jonathan Maxwell (Sr., 2)
SS	1	Derrick Parker (Jr., 2); 38 William Amos (Sr., 2)
FS	44	Eric Starks (Jr., 2); 19 Marlon Ford (So., 1)
P	41	Marty Kent (Jr., 2)

(Jr.) indicates transfers or returning starters.  
 BOLD indicates returning starters.  
 NUMBER After Class indicates Letters Won.



**Head Coach:** Rick Rasnick  
**1995 Record (MAC):** 6-5-0 (5-3-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 6th MAC

**R**ick Rasnick has a hard act to follow. Rasnick left his position as offensive coordinator at Utah in January 1995 to become head coach at Eastern Michigan, which hadn't recorded a winning season in five years.

In 14 years as a college assistant coach, Rasnick coached in seven postseason bowl games and was on the winning side in four. In his three seasons at Utah, he shepherded the Utes to three consecutive bowl appearances, one of which turned into a 16-13 upset of Arizona in the 1994 Freedom Bowl and a Top 10 final ranking in both major polls.

His debut at Eastern Michigan was impressive. The 1995 Eagles shattered 43 school records en route to a 6-5 season, their first winning campaign since 1989. They were 5-3 (fifth place) in the Mid-American Conference. They managed to hold on to first place for almost two months until a 34-28 loss at eventual champion Toledo triggered a three-game losing streak. A high-powered offense amassed 33 points and 449.1 yards of total offense per game, 13th best in the nation and tops in the MAC. The Eagles also led the conference in passing offense with a 302.1-yard average.

"We felt we finished the 1995 season about where we expected, based on our schedule and ability," Rasnick says.

For Rasnick's second go-round, Eastern Michigan returns 43 of 61 lettermen, but only four starters on offense, five on defense and the placekicker.

Rasnick had to share the spotlight with senior quarterback Charlie Batch, who broke 12 school records, including single-season marks for passing yardage (3,177), total offense (3,229) and touchdown passes (21) in '95. He also finished fourth nationally in total offense with a 293.6-yard average.

"There is no question that Charlie Batch is one of the top quarterbacks in the country," Rasnick says. "In my 16 years of coaching, we've never had a quarterback come in and handle our offense in his first year as well as Charlie did, and I think he will continue to get better."

Redshirt freshman Craig Kantz was listed No. 2 at quarterback on the spring depth chart. Batch must stay healthy while Kantz gradually learns the ropes.

With the airborne explosiveness of Eastern Michigan's offense a year ago, the Eagles finished seventh in the conference in rushing offense at 147.0 yards per game. Increased production in that department can reasonably be expected with the return of sophomore tailback Savon Edwards, the team's leading rusher with 732 yards, and junior college transfer Mark Crnkovic, who will take over at fullback.

The 1995 backups, junior fullback Mike Scott and junior tailback Don Johnson, rushed for 418 and 260 yards, respectively. Senior fullback Jerome Adams also has game experience.



Charlie Batch

The receiving corps took a huge hit with the loss of wideouts Stevie Clay and Bristol Green, and tight end Ryan Wheatley, who combined for 126 receptions. Clay posted a team-leading 63 catches and seven touchdowns and also was one of the nation's top kick returners. The new wide receivers will come from a group that includes seniors Freddie Nelson and Steve Mack, juniors Ontario Pryor and Reco Bryant, and sophomores Ta-if Kumasi, Ben Washington and Warren Gutierrez.

Wheatley's tight end spot goes to either senior Kevin Allar or junior Pat Laughlin. Allar caught 10 passes for 157 yards.

Rasnick expects improvement from the offensive line although only two starters return, senior

center Matt Gregory and junior guard Mike Erickson. The unit gets a big boost from the return of junior guard Frank Czapski, who started the first two games of 1994 and hasn't played since because of an ankle injury.

Seniors Frank Rocca and Dushon Faison, and sophomores L.J. Shelton, Brian Wilcox and Vance Danzy are all competing for playing time at tackle and guard. Redshirt freshman Tom Michel backs up Gregory at center.

On the other side of the ball, Eastern Michigan finished in the bottom half of the conference standings in all four major defensive statistical categories.

"The front seven on defense has to develop more athletic ability than last year," Rasnick says. "They need to be more productive and be able to stop the run a lot better. We also need development at linebacker."

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**— Rick Rasnick**

A key loss is linebacker Reese McCaskill, who started all 44 games over his four-year career. Junior weak-side linebacker Avery Brown is the defensive leader after a 110-tackle, 10-sack season that earned him second-team all-conference honors.

Seniors Devin Grant and Mark Langkos get the call at the other linebacker spots, with junior Cornelius Pearson and sophomores Don Broussard and Denorris Williams in reserve.

The defensive line will be anchored by senior tackle Kevin Kwiatkowski. Senior Gerald Lewis, junior Plesze Williams and sophomore Willie Vaughn are also available at tackle, with junior Lionel Dalton and redshirt freshman Corey Smith running 1-2 at nose guard.

Senior Dave Berney moves up at end, backed up by redshirt freshman Clyde Jackson.

Three returning starters reside in the secondary: junior cornerbacks Corey Baskin and Terry Reed, and senior free safety Rodney Nubin. This could be the strongest area on the squad.

Senior Marcus Cox gets the rover assignment. Junior Keith Hurd, sophomore Phil Jackson, and redshirt freshmen Clyde Jackson and Ashley Travis will back up the starters in the secondary.

Sophomore placekicker Justin Ventura made 11-of-14 field-goal attempts as a rookie. One of the incoming recruits probably will be the punter, possibly junior college transfer George Guzman.

The loss of Clay, who averaged 28.2 yards on kickoff returns and 20.8 on punt returns, leaves a big hole. Nelson, Edwards and Scott all returned kickoffs, but the punt returner will be new.

The 36-year-old Rasnick has his team on the right track. If Batch stays healthy, the Eagles could be one of this year's big surprises.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (4)

TE	87	Kevin Allar (Sr., 1); 81 Pat Laughlin (Jr., 2)
LT	70	L.J. Shelton (So., 1); 62 Brian Wilcox (So., 1)
LG	78	Mike Erickson (Jr., 2); 61 Darren Haggen (Jr., 0)
C	53	Matt Gregory (Sr., 2); 67 Tom Michel (Fr., 0)
RG	66	Vance Danzy (So., 1); 51 Dushon Faison (Sr., 1)
RT	68	Frank Rocca (Sr., 2); 75 Lionel Dalton (Jr., 1)
SE	7	Freddie Nelson (Sr., 3); 84 Ontario Pryor (Jr., 2)
FL	80	Ta-if Kumasi (So., 1); 8 Reco Bryant (Jr., 1)
QB	16	Charlie Batch (Sr., 2) 10 Craig Kantz (Fr., 0)
FB	35	Mark Crnkovic (Jr., 0); 40 Mike Scott (Jr., 2)
TB	1	Savon Edwards (Jr., 2); 30 Don Johnson (Jr., 1)
PK	17	Justin Ventura (So., 1)

### DEFENSE (5)

E	35	Dave Berney (Sr., 2); 43 Clyde Jackson (Fr., 0)
RT	93	Gerald Lewis (Sr., 1); 73 Plesze Williams (Jr., 1)
NG	75	Lionel Dalton (Jr., 1); 99 Corey Smith (Fr., 0)
LT	97	Kevin Kwiatkowski (Sr., 3); 90 Willie Vaughn (So., 1)
SAM	57	Devin Grant (Sr., 1); 45 Don Broussard (So., 0)
WLB	91	Avery Brown (Jr., 2); 47 Denorris Williams (So., 0)
MLB	58	Mark Langkos (Sr., 3); 54 Cornelius Pearson (Jr., 3)
FC	26	Corey Baskin (Jr., 2); 6 Keith Hurd (Jr., 2)
BC	27	Rodney Nubin (Sr., 3); 43 Clyde Jackson (Fr., 0)
ROV	31	Marcus Cox (Sr., 1); 52 Ashley Travis (Fr., 0)
FS	42	Terry Reed (Jr., 1); 21 Phil Jackson (So., 1)
P		George Guzman (Jr., 0)

(4) Records: National or Academic Statistics  
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**Head Coach:** Al Molde  
**1995 Record (MAC):** 7-4-0 (6-2-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 7th MAC

**W**estern Michigan is the only Mid-American Conference school to post a winning record every season in the 1990s. But the Broncos have no MAC championship to show for their efforts.

And with only five returning starters on offense, four on defense and the punter on hand from last year's team, which finished 7-4 (6-2 in the MAC, tied for third), Bronco fans likely will have to wait a while longer.

"We're faced with perhaps our biggest rebuilding job and will also have an inexperienced quarterback," says coach Al Molde, 60-38-2 in nine years at Western Michigan. "We will have good receivers and running backs, and we have a good front on defense."

However, the Broncos will not have three-time MVP quarterback Jay McDonagh; halfback Jim Vackaro, the school record-holder with 4,446 all-purpose yards; and defensive tackle Dion Powell, runner-up for 1995 MAC Defensive Player of the Year and only the second lineman in school history to earn All-MAC honors three times. The losses could prove crippling.

Furthermore, 20 other lettermen are gone. In short, the Broncos face a challenging task.

But don't feel sorry for the Western Michigan program. Bronco football has been quite healthy, having finished third or higher in the MAC six of the last eight seasons. Molde's teams have now fashioned four consecutive seven-win seasons.

Last year's team gave a solid account of itself, losing 31-21 to Toledo and 34-13 at Auburn, two of the nation's Top 25 teams.

The Bronco offense, which last fall ranked fourth overall in the MAC with a 360.3-yards-per-game average, will be headed by senior split end Tony Knox, an All-MAC selection who ranked second in the conference with 5.4 receptions a game and caught 43 passes for 430 yards. He totaled three touchdowns and averaged 10 yards per catch.

Senior flankers Ryan Sylvester (28 catches for 408 yards, a 14.5-yard receiving average and five scores) and Montres Gords (29, 325, 11.2) also return. Senior Jim Holland returns at tight end after catching 19 passes for 226 yards and three touchdowns.

McDonagh was third in MAC history with 45 TD passes, fourth in completion percentage (59.3) and seventh in passing yards (6,148). His absence could prove troubling.

Redshirt freshman Tim Lester, a prep All-American in 1994 out of Wheaton, Ill., won the quarterback job in spring practice, stemming a challenge from sophomore John Holba, a transfer from Ohio University.

Senior halfback Bruno Heppell, a Canadian native, saw substantial action behind Vackaro and rushed for 599 yards, a 5.3-yard average and seven touchdowns. He is the only returning rusher of note. Senior backup David Miller is a sprinter on the Western Michigan track team and



Rick Lucas

may receive numerous opportunities this fall because of his speed alone.

The lone letterman at fullback is senior John Coleman, a converted linebacker who will occasionally be called upon to carry the ball.

Unquestionably, the Bronco running attack could be modest despite Molde's optimism.

Second-team All-MAC tackle Joe Lewandowski, a champion shot putter in MAC competition, and senior center Pat Kennedy will anchor the offensive line. Sophomore tackle Jason Cavanaugh won a job in the spring, as did senior guard Philip VanHooks and sophomore guard J.K. Haehnle. This quintet must avoid injuries because none of the backups is experienced.

On the defensive line, senior tackle Chris Raw-

son was named to the All-MAC second team. Senior end Pat Jackson is a returning starter. Fellow senior end Eric Boersma has been a part-time regular, while sophomore tackle Dan Falcon distinguished himself in spring drills.

The linebacking corps is paced by junior outside backer Rick Lucas, who was named to the all-conference second team. The other linebacker starters are senior Todd Hanley and junior Steve Roon, both of whom won the inside linebacking jobs during spring work. Junior outside man Steve Maloney completes the starting quartet. Senior Jon Pryor will see significant action on the outside.

Heading the Western Michigan secondary is returning starter Heron O'Neal, a junior cornerback. Senior Andy Brasosky should take over at safety, with junior Tarrence McEvans at the other corner.

**It could be a frustrating year in Kalamazoo. Simply put, there are too many dents in the Bronco machine.**

Last year's defense was among the top three in the MAC in several categories and among the top 20 nationally in the four major areas.

"Our defense is ahead of the offense, and we'll have to rely on that early in the fall," Molde said at the conclusion of spring drills.

Western Michigan is seeking a new placekicker following the departure of three-year regular Kevin Knope. Incoming freshman Louis Forbrich is a possibility. Junior punter Zak Kemp had a so-so 34.9-yard average and will be pushed by junior college transfer Robert Ralston, coming off seasons in which he averaged 42.1 and 41.5 yards, respectively. Ralston also kicked a school-record 47-yard field goal.

Wideouts Knox (20.9-yard average) and Gords (15.3) returned kickoffs last year, while senior Sean Riley handled the bulk of the punt returns. Riley's totaled a paltry 3.2 yards per return.

It could be a frustrating year in Kalamazoo. Simply put, there are too many dents in the Bronco machine.

A quick look at the Western Michigan schedule suggests that wins will not be easy to come by.

After opening the season by hosting Division I-AA Eastern Illinois, which Molde coached from 1983-86, the Broncos travel to West Virginia. Western Michigan does not play two of the five best MAC teams (Ball State and Miami) but battles the other three (Central Michigan, Toledo and Bowling Green) on the road. In addition, there is a trip to Wyoming, projected to be one of the top four teams in the expanded 16-team WAC.

All factors considered, Molde, 60-38-2 in nine seasons at Western Michigan, likely would consider a five-win season a major success. However, a 3-8 mark would not be surprising.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (5)

SE	8	Tony Knox (Sr., 1); 87 Ryan Sylvester (Sr., 2)
LT	71	Jason Cavanaugh (So., 1); 69 Charles Knapp (Fr., 0)
LG	60	J.K. Haehnle (So., 1); 72 Jim Dewald (Jr., 0)
C	77	Pat Kennedy (Sr., 2); 72 Jim Dewald (Jr., 0)
RG	68	Philip VanHooks (Sr., 1); 54 Steve Wark (Fr., 0)
RT	55	Joe Lewandowski (Jr., 1); 75 Mike Kershner (So., 0)
TE	88	Jim Holland (Sr., 2); 86 Jake Moreland (Fr., 0)
FL	87	Ryan Sylvester (Sr., 2); 25 Montres Gords (Jr., 1)
QB	13	Tim Lester (Fr., 0); 18 John Holba (So., 0)
HB	28	Bruno Heppell (Sr., 2); 39 David Miller (Sr., 3)
FB	40	John Coleman (Sr., 1); Kris Kirksey (Jr., 0)
PK		Louis Forbrich (Fr., 0)

### DEFENSE (4)

DE	94	Pat Jackson (Sr., 3); 97 Dane Sexton (So., 0)
DT	99	Dan Falcon (So., 0); 93 Nate Wolkow (So., 0)
DT	67	Chris Rawson (Sr., 3); 52 Jeremy Johnson (Fr., 0)
DE	96	Eric Boersma (Sr., 3); 64 Jason Bodden (Sr., 3)
ILB	45	Todd Hanley (Sr., 2); 51 Todd Whitaker (So., 0)
ILB	42	Steve Roon (Jr., 2); 41 Brian Gatch (Fr., 0)
OLB	29	Rick Lucas (Jr., 2); 36 Jon Pryor (Sr., 3)
OLB	46	Steve Maloney (Jr., 1); 5 Reggie Thompson (So., 1)
CB	2	Heron O'Neal (Jr., 2); 20 Eric Nunlee (Fr., 0)
CB	24	Tarrence McEvans (Jr., 1); 10 Calvin Harley (Fr., 0)
S	4	Andy Brasosky (Sr., 2); 43 Karl Schultz (Jr., 0)
P	7	Zak Kemp (Jr., 1)

(Fr.) Freshmen; (So.) Sophomores; (Sr.) Seniors  
 SOLID indicates returning starters  
 NUMBER After Cuts Indicates Letters Won



**Head Coach:** Jim Grobe  
**1995 Record (MAC):** 2-8-1 (1-6-1)  
**1996 Pick:** 8th MAC

Ohio University athletic officials no longer want their school to be referred to, at least by the sports media, as Ohio University, or even Ohio U. Plain old Ohio will do. By any name, however, Ohio athletics will not be confused with Ohio State athletics.

In fact, this year you could nickname Ohio the Road Warriors. Of 12 games on the schedule, the Bobcats play eight on the road. They travel to the Islands to battle WAC foe Hawaii on Sept. 7, then head eastward the next weekend to West Point, N.Y., for a game with Army. The other non-conference contests also are on the road — against Big Ten king Northwestern and Liberty Bowl champ East Carolina.

"We play this schedule because that is the only way we can get our players to improve their play," second-year coach Jim Grobe says. "I think you have to play good teams. (However), the schedule may not allow us to show how much better we are."

And considering how far down Bobcat football has been, almost any elevation of play will be an improvement. Specifically, Ohio has posted 13 straight losing seasons, although the record improved from 0-11 in 1994 to 2-8-1 last year (1-6-1 and ninth place in the MAC). During a 10-year span starting in 1986 and ending last fall, the program could muster only 17 wins, while losing 88 games and tying five.

Clearly, it is very difficult for the Bobcat football program to be competitive. But, as always, it will try.

On a positive note, Ohio returns 44 of 58 lettermen, including eight starters on offense, eight on defense and both kickers.

"There is not one person who will not have to earn his position," Grobe says. "We will have to play a lot of freshmen once again, and anytime you do that, crazy things happen."

Grobe's triple-option, double-slot offense struggled at times last year, and the status of sophomore quarterback Kareem Wilson is in doubt (academic problems). Wilson led the Bobcats in almost every offensive category, including rushing (893 yards), passing (657) and scoring (64 points). However, he frequently struggled with his passing as a 77.76 efficiency rating and 36.9-percent completion rate would suggest. Wilson threw three touchdowns against six interceptions.

Sophomore Derrick Jenkins, who played in one game, plus transfer Mike Orlando and incoming freshmen David Murphy and Randy Thomas are the other candidates.

Sophomore fullback Steve Hookfin (5.1-yard rushing average) was the team's second-leading ball carrier (668 yards), and Grobe projects him as a 1,000-yard rusher. Senior halfback Hank Ray returns after dislocating his thumb in Game 6. He was leading the team in all-purpose yards when he was injured. In the spring, sophomores Karim Hill and Ewane Nanji moved to first-team status.



Steve Hookfin

The wide receiver spots are open, although sophomore Damion Maxwell and junior Lonche Thrash had some encouraging moments. Thrash registered only seven receptions but averaged 16.3 yards per catch. Other candidates include sophomore Keith Betz, a converted quarterback, and redshirt freshman Tavares Rankin.

The triple-option rarely requires the use of a tight end; when it does, redshirt freshman Cameron Monroe will be the choice.

The offensive line figures to be improved with the return of all five starters: senior tackles Jason Boggs and Tom Jennings (back after missing late-season games with a severe ankle sprain), junior guard Jason Caudill, sophomore guard Mike Solominsky and senior center Aaron Shreffler.

Line reserves include sophomore guard Brian Fortman, sophomore tackle J.D. Hupp, and junior college transfers Bryan Dennehy (guard) and Damon Nichols (center).

Defensively, the Bobcats lost their top three tacklers. Clearly, the defense will be a question mark until the new faces prove themselves.

Several returnees rotated on the defensive line, but no one is guaranteed a starting job.

Senior tackle Ron Rieder started most of the season, and sophomore nose guard Geno Walsh started six games. Senior tackle Mario Daniel is the biggest player (6-6, 300) on the squad but sat out last season with a knee injury. He enjoyed a solid 1994 campaign with 50 tackles.

Air Force transfer Bobby Holloway, a senior, is expected to provide instant help at tackle. Freshman Steve Gaydosz is projected to make a contribution quickly. He was recruited by Kansas State, Temple and Toledo.

**"We will have to play a lot of freshmen again, and anytime you do that, crazy things happen."**

— Jim Grobe

The two top returning sackers (six apiece) are outside linebackers Andre Jackson, a junior, and senior Charles Owens. Sophomore Rahim Slaise could contribute.

Both inside spots are up for grabs. Sophomore Tom Carder started some games last season before being felled by a back injury. Former running back Sid Hall is now an inside linebacker and could earn a starting assignment.

The secondary returns three starters and most of the top reserves. Junior Brandon Cade and sophomores Dennis Fitzgerald, and Mark Stubbs all started at cornerback last fall. Cade tallied 53 tackles (sixth on the team) and three interceptions. Fitzgerald (50 tackles) has been moved to free safety this season, and senior Justin Anderson, who recorded 106 tackles as a free safety in '95, has been switched to strong safety. The other corner will be Mark Stubbs.

The Bobcats' special teams should be capable.

Sophomore Brian Huston won the placekicking job at midseason but will have to stem the challenge of incoming freshman Greg Krauss, who booted a 56-yard field goal in high school. Either Krauss or junior Jon Beier will punt.

The return units should be strong. Halfback Ray averaged 18.6 yards on 20 kickoff returns and 6.7 yards on three punt returns.

Obviously, Ohio's task is challenging. The Bobcats must compete for players, media attention and fans with the Big Ten's Ohio State, Conference USA's Cincinnati, and in-state MAC rivals Toledo and Miami. In five games last fall, Ohio averaged just 9,143 fans, prompting continued speculation that the school will eventually drop its program to the Division I-AA level.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (8)

SE	3	Lonche Thrash (Jr., 1); 19 Tavares Rankin (Fr., 0)
LT	74	Jason Boggs (Sr., 2); 60 Christiaan Evans (Jr., 1)
LG	76	Jason Caudill (Jr., 2); 61 Bryan Dennehy (Jr., 1)
C	59	Aaron Shreffler (Sr., 2); 53 Chip Pugh (Fr., 0)
RG	79	Mike Solominsky (So., 1); 65 Brian Fortman (So., 1)
RT	62	Tom Jennings (Sr., 1); 63 J.D. Hupp (So., 0)
WR	9	Damion Maxwell (So., 1); 11 Keith Betz (So., 1)
QB	14	Kareem Wilson (So., 1); 10 Derrick Jenkins (So., 0)
HB	18	Karim Hill (So., 1); 8 Larkatos Townsend (Sr., 2)
HB	29	Ewane Nanji (So., 0); 26 John Cosgrove (Fr., 0)
FB	39	Steve Hookfin (So., 1); 6 Rara Griffin (Jr., 1)
PK	25	Brian Huston (So., 1)

### DEFENSE (8)

OLB	41	Charles Owens (Sr., 3); 68 Rahim Slaise (So., 1)
DT	97	Ron Rieder (Sr., 2); 96 Mario Daniel (Sr., 0)
NT	57	Geno Walsh (So., 1); 93 Brian Held (Fr., 0)
DT	55	Bobby Holloway (Sr., 0); 92 Rob Snyder (Fr., 0)
OLB	15	Andre Jackson (Jr., 2); 17 Jim Grilli (Fr., 0)
ILB	46	Tom Carder (So., 0); 54 Jeremy Hunter (So., 0)
ILB	7	Sid Hall (So., 1); 36 Steve Collins (Fr., 0)
CB	2	Brandon Cade (Jr., 1); 33 Sean Williams (Jr., 1)
SS	45	Justin Anderson (Sr., 3); 44 Nick Magistrale (Jr., 1)
FS	32	Dennis Fitzgerald (So., 1); 22 Lonnie Fields (Sr., 3)
CB	28	Mark Stubbs (So., 1); 21 Lance Fields (Fr., 0)
P	24	Jonathan Beler (Jr., 1)

(#) INDICATES NUMBER OF RETURNING STARTERS  
 BOLD INDICATES RETURNING STARTERS  
 NUMBER AFTER CLASS INDICATES LETTERS WON



**Head Coach:** Jeff Horton  
**1995 Record (Big West):** 2-9-0 (1-5-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 8th WAC Pacific

In three seasons, UNLV has gone from the sublime to the ridiculous to the wacky. Make that the WAC.

The festive atmosphere that resulted from the school's winning the 1994 Big West Conference championship didn't last long. The Rebels plummeted to a last-place 1-5 finish a year ago (2-9 overall) and bid farewell to the Big West Conference. This season marks their WAC debut.

"In two years here, we've been to the penthouse and the outhouse," coach Jeff Horton says. "Hopefully, we liked the first one better. To be honest, I think the move into the WAC saved football at UNLV."

"We're positioning ourselves to be a major player in college football. We've upgraded our schedule and have a chance for national exposure and trips to major bowl games. I don't know if people would have bought into it much longer if we had stayed in the Big West, no matter how successful we (might have been)."

The Rebels must bolster their defense and stabilize their turnover ratio. They lost 18 fumbles and threw 21 interceptions last year, and tied archival Nevada at minus-1.91 turnovers a game, worst in the nation. Meanwhile, the defense was the only Division I-A unit to surrender more than 500 points (520 to be exact) and was last with a yield of 47.3 a game.

"There's a good correlation between your plus-minus number and how your season goes," Horton says. "We had a minus-22, so that says a lot. We need to be more aggressive on defense, but limit our fumbles and interceptions on offense. Obviously, all we can do on defense is get better."

"To the outsider, it may have seemed like we took a step backward (last year). But we did move forward through just playing a lot of kids and finding individual success stories."

The Rebels will employ basically their same one-back offense but with more motion, formations and misdirection, and with a new quarterback. Horton wants last year's 47 percent completion rate elevated to roughly 60 percent.

Of the three quarterback candidates, only sophomore Kevin Crook has game experience, appearing in five contests last year. Only the third freshman UNLV quarterback ever to start a game, Crook will be pushed by redshirt freshman Jon Denton and true freshman Kevin McCarthy.

Horton plans on using last year's team MVP, senior Tony Burton, as a situational swingman. A versatile offensive threat, Burton led the team in rushing with 880 yards, caught 23 passes and scored nine touchdowns.

The Rebels increased their rushing production from 96.0 yards a game in 1994 to 184.8 last season, but Horton wants even more.

As it stands, UNLV refers only to its basketball team as the Runnin' Rebels. That could change if seniors DeJohn Branch, limited to four games due to knee trouble, and Omar Love deliver.

On the flanks, sophomores Carlos Baker and



DeJohn Branch

Damon Williams, were converted from defensive back and quarterback, respectively, to wide receiver prior to last season, and both broke the school's freshman receiving record. Sophomore Amar Brisco showed promise before he was injured. Redshirt freshman Len Ware may win a spot as a starter.

"You look at where we were against Rice in the (1995) opener and where we are now — it's a 180-degree change," Horton says.

Sophomores, Talance Sawyer and Sam Mineo will share time at tight end.

Senior tackle Dennis Whitmore, a veteran of a Mormon mission several years ago and the squad's "old man" at 24, is the anchor of an otherwise young line. Whitmore holds two UNLV

lifting marks: a 665-pound squat and a 356-pound power clean. Sophomores Jerald Pierucci and Mike Reily return as starting guards. The other tackle will be redshirt freshman Josh O'Brien or junior college transfer Ben Glidewell.

Last year's offensive MVP, center Jose Gonzalez, is gone. His younger brother Bubba, a sophomore from Saddleback Junior College, will battle with holdover junior Jon Zaczek.

On the defensive line the only returning starter is junior tackle Charles Fisher, who split time at end and tackle, and missed spring practice while recovering from off-season back surgery.

If Fisher returns in good health, he probably will play tackle, with sophomore Ted Darnell, a converted tight end, and freshman Jean-Hans Stallsmith at end, and sophomores Derrick Monroe and Damien Howard at the nose. If Fisher isn't back, look for junior Dominic Andrews, a three-game starter at end, to move to tackle and try to hold off junior college transfer Mac Smith.

At linebacker, gone are Marvin Robinson and P.J. Tyler, the second- and third-leading tacklers. Taking over Robinson's spot at bandit linebacker will be either junior Lamont Hicks or junior college All-American Scott Patton. The Rebel linebacker position features sophomore Ken Kinnard and redshirt freshman Leroy Gambrell. "Outside linebacker is a big question mark," Horton says.

The inside spots have sophomore starter Bret Gilbert moving from the weak side to the strong side and junior Daniel Martin fighting it out at weak-side linebacker with senior Jamie Handley and perhaps redshirt freshman Roderick Jones, who Horton says "may become one of the best players UNLV has ever had at linebacker." Junior Levi Roquemore, who started for the University of New Mexico as a freshman before transferring to Saddleback Junior College, arrives this fall.

In the secondary, sophomores Quincy Sanders, an All-WAC candidate, and Bobby Coffman were supposed to be redshirted last year, but wound up starting by mid-season. Sanders at strong safety (he'll move to free safety this year) and Coffman at cornerback.

At the other corner is senior Jermaine Webster, whose four interceptions led the Rebels. Senior Dan Stewart returns at strong safety, and senior Carlos Hilliard is his backup.

Significant concerns a year ago, the kicking and return games are brighter spots this time. Sophomore walk-on punter Joe Kristosik averaged 39.8 yards, while senior Marshall Mathews and junior Alan Di Leo shared placement duties.

After a wild rotation of return men last year when Thompkins was ruled ineligible, Baker (19.1 average) and Burton (18.6) became reliable kickoff returners. Baker and junior Derrick Charles are the primary punt returners.

The Rebels will discover that the odds always favor the house, in this case the WAC. Bluntly, the chances of UNLV finishing near the top of the league's Pacific Division are extremely slim.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (6)

FL	3	Len Ware (Fr., 0); 11 Todd Floyd (Jr., 1)
LT	75	Dennis Whitmore (Sr., 3); 79 Mike Williams (Fr., 0)
LG	64	Jerald Pierucci (So., 1); 60 Bob Kaller (Jr., 1)
C	67	Jon Zaczek (Jr., 2); 61 Joe Catania (Fr., 0)
RG	78	Mike Reily (So., 1); 76 Kory Koske (Jr., 0)
RT	62	Josh O'Brien (Fr., 0); 71 Ben Glidewell (Jr., 0)
TE	89	Sam Mineo (So., 1); 85 Talance Sawyer (So., 1)
QB	5	Kevin Crook (So., 1); 19 Jon Denton (Fr., 0)
WR	82	Carlos Baker (So., 1); 27 Tony Burton (Sr., 1)
WR	8	Damon Williams (So., 1); 21 Derrick Charles (Jr., 1)
RB	20	DeJohn Branch (Sr., 3); 4 Omar Love (Sr., 3)
PK	25	Alan Di Leo (Jr., 1)

### DEFENSE (4)

BAN	37	Lamont Hicks (Jr., 2); 44 Scott Patton (Jr., 0)
DE	99	Ted Darnell (So., 1); 93 Jean-Hans Stallsmith (Fr., 0)
NT	92	Derrick Monroe (So., 1); 68 Damien Howard (So., 1)
DT	98	Dominic Andrews (Jr., 1); 96 Mac Smith (Jr., 0)
REB	51	Ken Kinnard (So., 1); 39 Leroy Gambrell (Fr., 0)
SLB	58	Bret Gilbert (So., 1); 56 Roderick Jones (Fr., 0)
WLB	28	Daniel Martin (Jr., 2); 40 Jamie Handley (Sr., 1)
LC	23	Jermaine Webster (Sr., 3); 12 James Humes (Jr., 0)
SS	1	Dan Stewart (Sr., 1); 7 Carlos Hilliard (Sr., 1)
FS	2	Quincy Sanders (So., 1); 42 Anthony Brown (So., 0)
RC	9	Bobby Coffman (So., 1); 7 Carlos Hilliard (Sr., 1)
P	97	Joe Kristosik (So., 1)

Offensive linemen in brackets. Starred linemen are starters.  
 RB: RBs are listed in order of depth.  
 NUMBER: Senior, Junior, Freshman, Sophomore, Redshirt



**Head Coach:** Jim Hess  
**1995 Record (Big West):** 4-7-0 (3-3-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 3rd Big West

It's a record New Mexico State would rather not have, but the Aggies have gone 223 games without shutting out an opponent.

The last shutout came on Oct. 25, 1975, against Texas-Arlington, which later decided to drop football. Perhaps the frustration of being blanked by a team with a weak defensive tradition was a factor.

"Last year, we had a highly proficient, record-setting offense," coach Jim Hess says. "We were eighth in the nation in total offense, fourth in passing, 17th in scoring. We had a 3,000-yard passer, a 1,000-yard rusher and a 1,000-yard receiver. But we still didn't win but four ball games because defensively we gave up way too many points (35.4 a game)."

"I don't know that the defense will improve by leaps and bounds, but I think that because of experience we'll be a little bit better. Last year, I would have thought we would have won six ball games and had the opportunity to win seven. I was very disappointed in last year. If we had just played any defense at all..."

Toward that end, Hess will serve as his own defensive coordinator this year.

"This is a team that underachieved last year, and you hope you can overachieve this year," he says. "But we're starting new people in a lot of places on offense, number one being the quarterback. Our number one weakness is inexperience at quarterback."

That hasn't been the case recently. The graduated Cody Ledbetter was the most prolific quarterback in school history. Under his direction, New Mexico State set school records last season for passing attempts (454), completions (260) and yardage (3,540), as well as total yardage (5,248). The trouble was, the opposition actually rolled up 17 more total yards.

From last year's 4-7 team (3-3 and tied for third in the Big West Conference) the Aggies return 40 of 58 lettermen, including five starters on offense and six on defense.

Schedule-wise, the Aggies should have a couple of nice paydays. They visit Texas and LSU.

Ledbetter threw 453 of those 454 passes, was second in the nation in passing yards (3,501) and threw a school-record 30 touchdown passes. Sophomore Chad Salisbury, the likely successor, appeared twice in mop-up roles, attempting one pass and completing it for 39 yards. Salisbury is 6-7, 245 pounds and not very mobile.

The Aggies return their first 1,000-yard rusher in 21 years, and he's also the nation's top sophomore runner, Dennis Manns. New Mexico State uses a one-back set, and Manns led all freshmen with 1,120 rushing yards and set a Big West record with 7.1 yards a carry. Manns also caught 33 passes for 267 yards. His average of 101.8 yards a game was the best among the nation's freshmen; Nebraska's highly touted Ahman Green was second with 98.7.

Despite the loss of Lucious Davis, the top



Duane Gregory

receiver in school history, and Tony Sanchez, the receiving corps has the potential to be as good as, if not better than, it was last season. Junior Duane Gregory will be the featured player after catching 50 passes for 844 yards and six touchdowns. The Aggies go with three wideouts, and sophomore David Patterson and senior Roderic Payne are expected to join Gregory as starters.

Sophomore Charles Birdwell spent most of last season as a backup, but should continue NMSU's tradition of outstanding tight end play.

The only returning starters on the offensive line are senior tackle Keelin Boulware and senior guard Jim Breckenridge. "Boulware is a quality lineman, as good a lineman as we've ever had," Hess says.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (5)

WR	Duane Gregory (Jr., 2); Dustin Guinn (Fr., 0)
LT	Charlie Rotché (So., 1); Jason Berger (Fr., 0)
LG	Jim Breckenridge (Sr., 3); Aaron Ensbjerg (Sr., 0)
C	Jason Smith (So., 1); Jim Breckenridge (Sr., 3)
RG	Bill Boone (Sr., 3); George Burge (Sr., 1)
RT	Keelin Boulware (Sr., 3); Nick Monica (Sr., 0)
TE	Charles Birdwell (So., 1); Chad Martin (Fr., 0)
FL	David Patterson (So., 1); Clint Thatcher (Sr., 3)
QB	Chad Salisbury (So., 1); Gregg Madsen (Fr., 0)
RB	Dennis Manns (So., 1); Ernie Montez (Sr., 3)
SE	Roderic Payne (Sr., 3); Ryan Shaw (Fr., 0)
PK	Carlos Lantigua (So., 1)

### DEFENSE (6)

LE	Enrique Ramirez (Jr., 2); Yannis Pappas (Sr., 3)
LT	DuShane Briggs (Jr., 0); Tye Fraembs (Fr., 0)
RT	Andy Martinez (Sr., 3); Pat Dyer (Sr., 1)
RE	Reginald Felder (Jr., 2); Eric Rogers (Jr., 2)
WLB	Gary Jessie (Jr., 2); Mark Mitchell (Jr., 2)
MLB	Marketh Blackshire (So., 1); Matt Botone (Sr., 3)
SLB	Max Wade (So., 0); Sean L'Ecluse (Jr., 0)
CB	Mike Harvey (Sr., 3); Damon Turner (Jr., 1)
SS	Dorian Williams (Sr., 3); Harlan Jackson (So., 1)
FS	Jobe Lewis (So., 1); Kareem Hart (So., 1)
CB	Erich Johnson (Sr., 1); Jeffrey Thompson (So., 1)
P	Adam Waters (Fr., 0)

1995 National Records in Redwood, Shreveport  
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Sophomore Charlie Rotché, senior Bill Boone and sophomore Jason Smith are projected starters at tackle, guard and center, respectively. Depth is very shallow.

Three defensive linemen are gone from a unit that finished 102nd among the nation's 108 Division I-A teams, yielding 478.6 yards a game. Only senior tackle Andy Martinez returns.

The Aggies have recorded only 22 sacks in the last two seasons and must do better. Seeking starting jobs and trying to improve on that number are junior tackle DuShane Briggs, junior end Reginald "Kado" Felder and either junior Enrique Ramirez, who started at linebacker, or senior Yannis Pappas at the other end.

All three regulars are back at linebacker, but Ramirez has been moved up front, leaving junior Gary Jessie and senior Matt Botone as returning starters. Jessie is the top returning tackler with 89

**"I was very disappointed in last year. If we had just played any defense at all..."**

— Jim Hess

stops. Botone was third with 76 stops, but will be hard-pressed to retain his starting role with the emergence of sophomore Markeith Blackshire, who redshirted last year after appearing in 10 games as a true freshman. Sophomore Max Wade, who transferred from Air Force, adds depth and probably will earn a starting berth.

"Linebacker could be a strength," Hess says. "We have several people who can play there. Blackshire's a key. There's a world of difference between him and any other linebacker we've ever had here."

Opponents completed 59 percent of their passes last year and threw 23 scoring passes. No wonder the Aggies ranked 91st in the nation in pass efficiency defense. Departed free safety Cedric Walton led the team in tackles, which tells you something about the defensive front seven.

Senior Dorian Williams moves from cornerback to strong safety, and senior Michael Harvey, a two-year reserve and the fastest player in the secondary (he won the 1994 Big West 100-meter dash title), takes over at cornerback.

Senior Erich Johnson intercepted two passes as last year's nickel back and should start at one corner. Sophomore Jobe Lewis was ticketed for a redshirt season last year, but secondary problems forced him into a starting role at free safety for the final six games.

Placekicker Bubba Culin and punter Chad Zecha are gone after handling all the kicking duties for four years. The only returning kicker is sophomore Carlos Lantigua, who backed up Culin the last two years, but will make his first appearance this fall.

Manns returned 12 kickoffs (24.7-yard average) and Harvey ran back nine punts (9.2).



**Head Coach:**  
**1995 Record:**  
**1996 Pick:**

**Matt Simon**  
**2-9-0**  
**4th Big West**

**A**nother year, another change. Last year was the first for the University of North Texas at the Division I-A level, and the Eagles' record was 2-9, although it included a 30-27 win over Oregon State of the Pac-10. The 1996 season marks North Texas' entry into the Big West Conference.

"We played a challenging and ambitious schedule," coach Matt Simon says, "but more importantly we made a statement of where North Texas wants to go and how we want our program to be perceived."

This marks the sixth conference affiliation for the Denton-based school, which keeps reminding everyone that it is no longer North Texas State University, which was the official name from 1961-87, but the University of North Texas.

By any name, North Texas was a member of the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association (1922-31), the Lone Star Conference (1932-48), the Gulf Coast Conference (1949-56), the Missouri Valley Conference (1957-74) and the Southland Conference (1983-94).

The Eagles return 36 of 56 lettermen, including seven starters on offense, five on defense and two veteran kickers.

"We feel good about what we have coming back," Simon says. "We knew that we faced a loaded gun with an empty barrel last season because we did not have many bullets. That will not be the case this year. The biggest difference between us and other Division I-A programs last season was that we lacked depth."

"Going into a conference gives us some direction. We get the chance to compete for a championship and be in a race. In athletics, you have to be able to play for something and be able to set and accomplish some goals. The best thing about going into the Big West is that it will help to settle down our schedule. I got real tired of playing on the road last season."

North Texas will tune up for its inaugural Big West campaign with another tough schedule that includes trips to Arizona State and Texas A&M and visits from Army and Vanderbilt. But the Eagles have six home games, including Army at Texas Stadium in Irving, a distinct contrast from the last two years, when they played only four each year.

With the return of two players who split starting duties at quarterback, North Texas is hoping for a more productive offense. Sophomore Josh Gulley played in 10 games as a true freshman and started the last five. He completed 88-of-166 passes (53 percent) for 1,150 yards, including 422 against UNLV, and five touchdowns. Junior Jason Mills started the first six games and finished with 1,183 yards on 105-of-216 (48.6 percent).

The Eagles return a solid group of runners, so solid that leading rusher Bo Harrison (two 100-yard games, but only 455 yards overall) has been switched to wide receiver. Senior Cedric Cromer started the last two games and gained 220 yards



Avery Wright

on 16 carries against Idaho State.

Sophomore James "Hut" Allred was a bruising runner as a 1994 freshman but went down with a knee injury in the 1995 opener. Sophomore Mike Boone should also contribute. Highly regarded redshirt freshman Starsky Banks missed the entire year after a preseason knee injury.

The Eagles must replace three key people in their three-wideout set, namely career-yardage leader Troy Redwine, Brian Smith and Vertis McKinney, who combined for 99 receptions and 1,448 yards. The leading holdover is junior Coylin Grimes (eight catches, 96 yards), but Harrison, a junior, caught 35 passes for 332 yards. Sophomores Tubby Coleman and Carlos Yearwood are other prospects who could start.

Sophomore Brian Waters heads a talented number of tight ends. Waters caught 27 passes for 266 yards a year ago. Senior Todd Rimbey also returns.

The offensive line should be the most improved area on the team as a strong group of newcomers joins three returning starters: senior guard Tory Castillo, junior tackle Robert Waddle and sophomore guard Laymonde Lee.

Sophomore Phillip Armour moves to the offensive line after playing five games on the defensive front last season before suffering a neck injury. Senior tackle Jayson Blaine is a transfer from Pacific, which dropped football. Junior Hunter Hunter will vie for a starting role at guard. The Eagles also are counting on immediate help from junior college transfer Shane York.

North Texas will miss career sack leader Willis Hudson at defensive end, along with three other

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**—Matt Simon**

veterans. Junior nose tackle Scott Murphy, the strongest player on the team, returns after starting four games. Sophomore Steven Hunt is the likely starter at tackle, while the ends could be senior Brad Spinks and junior college transfer Robert Grant, who has outstanding pass-rush skill.

At linebacker, seniors Brett Renfro and Justin Ray will anchor the defense. Renfro led the team with 86 tackles. Also back is junior Benny Cherry, who missed the last nine games with a knee injury; he was the second-leading tackler in 1994.

Juco transfers are expected to make an immediate impact in a secondary that was riddled with injuries in 1995. Sophomore Calvin Davis started at free safety but moves to strong safety, with sophomore Kevin Wilson at free safety. The cornerbacks in spring practice were Avery Wright and Kelon Wilson, both seniors.

Junior college transfers Ron Riley and Dharti Lewis will compete for the safety positions. Lewis, who has excellent speed, may be the best athlete among the newcomers. At Citrus College in Glendora, Calif., he registered 60 tackles and 80 sacks, forced six fumbles and had two interceptions. Riley was an all-conference defensive back at Los Angeles Southwest College.

Senior Toby Gowin ranked 19th among the nation's punters last year (42.1-yard average), and senior placekicker Jeff Graham returns after struggling with a groin injury. He made 10-of-13 field-goal attempts in 1994 but attempted only two last year and made both, one a 45 yarder.

Coleman averaged 20.7 yards on 15 kickoff returns. No player on the roster returned a punt in 1995.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (7)

WR	8	Coylin Grimes (Jr., 2); 88 Kendrick Hollie (So., 0)
QB	74	Jayson Blaine (Sr., 0); 78 Shane York (Jr., 0)
QG	66	Laymonde Lee (So., 1); 69 Darrin Faler (Jr., 0)
C	67	Phillip Armour (So., 1); 72 Tory Castillo (Sr., 3)
SG	72	Tory Castillo (Sr., 3); 77 Hunter Hunter (Jr., 0)
ST	65	Robert Waddle (Jr., 2); 57 Vincent Patterson (So., 0)
TE	40	Brian Waters (So., 1); 82 Todd Rimbey (Sr., 0)
QB	12	Josh Gulley (So., 1); 14 Jason Mills (Jr., 2)
TB	38	James Allred (So., 1); 44 Cedric Cromer (Sr., 3)
WR	4	Tubby Coleman (So., 1); 34 Bo Harrison (Jr., 2)
WR	2	Carlos Yearwood (So., 0); 80 Andrew Jones (So., 1)
PK	11	Jeff Graham (Sr., 1)

### DEFENSE (5)

DE	94	Brad Spinks (Sr., 3); Damon Hairston (Fr., 0)
DT	90	Steven Hunt (So., 1); 99 Darrell Williams (So., 0)
NT	58	Scott Murphy (Jr., 1); 79 Chris Hornbeak (Jr., 2)
DE	54	Robert Grant (Jr., 0); 91 Lesley Hurley (So., 0)
MLB	51	Justin Ray (Sr., 3); 41 Ron Boston (Jr., 0)
SLB	43	Brett Renfro (Sr., 3); 5 Sterling Guest (Sr., 1)
WLB	15	Benny Cherry (Jr., 2); 45 Morcellus Hill (Jr., 1)
QC	36	Avery Wright (Sr., 3); 13 Dwyer McKeith (Jr., 0)
FS	6	Kevin Wilson (So., 0); 9 Ron Riley (Jr., 0)
SS	37	Calvin Davis (So., 1); 3 Dharti Lewis (Jr., 0)
SC	16	Kelon Wilson (Sr., 1); 22 Phillip Littlejohn (So., 1)
P	19	Toby Gowin (Sr., 3)

(#) INDICATES NUMBER OF RETURNING STARTERS  
BOLD INDICATES RETURNING STARTERS  
STARRED INDICATES RETURNING STARTERS



**Head Coach:** Jim Corrigan  
**1995 Record (MAC):** 1-9-1 (0-7-1)  
**1996 Pick:** 9th MAC

It's a good news/bad news situation for the Kent State University football program, which (1) hasn't enjoyed a winning season since 1987, (2) has a seven-year record of 8-68-1 and (3) hasn't won more than two games in one season since 1988.

Good news: Kent returns every player but one who carried the ball last year, including leading rusher Astron Whatley.

Bad news: Kent finished ninth in the Mid-American Conference in rushing last year, averaging 106.3 yards.

Good news: Both quarterbacks return along with every receiver who caught a pass.

Bad news: Kent finished ninth in the MAC in passing (122.4 yards per game) and last in scoring (11.6 points per game) and total offense (244.6 yards per game).

Good news: Six of Kent's top seven tacklers return.

Bad news: Kent finished ninth in scoring defense (30.5 points per game yielded), total defense (429.0 yards per game) and rushing defense (231.5 yards per game), and eighth in pass defense (197.5 yards per game).

Good news: Kent has more returning lettermen than any year since 1991.

Bad news: With these same returnees, Kent finished last in the MAC at 0-7-1 (1-9-1 overall) and starts 1996 with an eight-game losing streak.

"The offense returns a strong nucleus, led by All-MAC tailback Astron Whatley and tight end O.J. Santiago," coach Jim Corrigan says. "The offensive line is nearly intact. We return good experience at quarterback. Overall, we hope to present an exciting offensive scheme. We have improved overall speed on defense."

And although the rest of the MAC isn't exactly quivering and quaking with fear, Kent should be competitive with at least four league foes. The Golden Flashes return 39 of 51 lettermen, including eight starters on offense, four on defense and both kicking specialists.

Whatley, a junior, has been Kent's leading rusher each of the last two seasons. In 1994, he was MAC Freshman of the Year after rushing for 1,003 yards. Last year, he slipped to 978 yards. Whatley averaged 4.2 yards and scored five touchdowns.

Junior college transfer Frankie Sinclair should be a competent backup to Whatley. The fullback position is wide open with sophomore Marlin Gates making a push for the starting role.

Unquestionably, the Golden Flash ground attack needs vast improvement. In addition to the modest per-game number noted earlier, Kent runners averaged only 2.8 yards per carry.

At quarterback, sophomore Todd Goebbel and senior Marc O'Brien both started games last year and combined for 125 completions in 258 attempts (48.4 percent) for 1,325 yards, but only six touchdowns with 16 interceptions.

The top five wideouts return, led by seniors



O.J. Santiago

Kantroy Walker (28 receptions, 328 yards) and Lance Hansen (23, 328).

Senior tight end Santiago, who tied for the team lead with 28 catches, averaged 10.6 yards and scored two touchdowns.

Four starters return to the offensive line. Junior center Bob Hallen, who has started every game each of the last two seasons, and junior tackle Steve Zahursky are potential all-star candidates. The other returning starters are senior tackle Doug Morgan, who may move to guard, and senior guard Donny White. The move of Morgan would open a spot at tackle for junior college transfer Ron "Bam-Bam" White. Sophomore guard Kirk Brindley should also contribute.

The defensive line was racked by graduation —

three starters are gone — but several players have seen spot duty. The only holdover is junior tackle Shawn Thompson, who registered 45 tackles.

Other expected starters on the line include junior end Courtney Short (27 tackles), sophomore end Chris Heywood and sophomore tackle Shawn Cross. Neither Heywood nor Cross played last fall.

Junior linebacker Justin Sanford was the team's top tackler last year with 136 stops. Sophomores Quincy Falker (82 tackles) and Brad Hartman (81) saw quite a bit of playing time. In addition, junior inside linebacker Roger Terry is back after a season-ending shoulder injury.

The secondary returns almost intact, but wasn't exactly a strength last year. Senior cornerback Tony Britt tallied five interceptions and is joined by senior free safety Joe Karr (124 tackles, third-best on the team), sophomore strong safety Al Phillips (81 stops) and sophomore cornerback Richard Messam.

**"We hope to present an exciting offensive scheme with improved overall speed on defense."**

— Jim Corrigan

In special teams play, senior placekicker Joe Romano made 7-of-14 field goal attempts and 11-of-12 PATs. Senior Roger Forgatsch averaged 36.2 yards a punt.

Whatley was among the MAC leaders in kick-off returns (19.4 average), but Corrigan would like to see someone else step forward. Wide receiver Walker could be that player. He averaged 17.3 yards on 12 returns. Britt returned 16 punts, but averaged only 3.8 yards. Sophomore Brandon Caletri averaged 10.0 yards on two returns. Overall, punt returning is a major area of concern for the Golden Flashes.

The non-conference schedule includes trips to Big East member Pittsburgh and Big West foe Nevada with a home game against Division I-AA power Youngstown State, the only team Kent defeated last fall (17-14). In MAC play, Kent must travel to Miami, Bowling Green and Ball State, three of the conference's projected top five teams. The Golden Flashes do not play MAC kinkin Toledo.

There has been talk that Kent might eventually step down from Division I-A to Division I-AA. Last fall in six home games, the Golden Flashes averaged 6,388 spectators, better than only Temple (4,406) of the nation's 108 I-A programs.

In fact, MAC Commissioner Jerry Ippoliti has made clear his desire to see all league schools — and in particular Ohio, Kent and Akron — increase their football attendance. Three schools (Northern Illinois and Marshall in 1997 and Buffalo in 1998) will be added to the MAC lineup, thus further increasing the importance of Kent elevating its football productivity.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (8)

TE	81	O.J. Santiago (Sr., 2); 43 Eric Slitt (Jr., 0)
LT	78	Doug Morgan (Sr., 2); 55 Brian Hales (Sr., 2)
LG	71	Kirk Brindley (So., 0); 59 Jarrod Hoghe (Fr., 0)
C	66	Bob Hallen (Jr., 2); 63 Jarrod Vrabel (Fr., 0)
RG	70	Donny White (Sr., 3); 93 Dejon Young (So., 1)
RT	72	Steve Zahursky (Jr., 2); 64 Jeffrey Sherrick (Fr., 0)
QB	13	Todd Goebbel (So., 1); 5 Marc O'Brien (Sr., 1)
FB	34	Marlon Gates (So., 1); 42 Chris Morgan (So., 1)
TB	4	Astron Whatley (Jr., 2); 21 Murad Holiday (Fr., 0)
SE	20	Lance Hansen (Sr., 2); 88 James McDonald (Fr., 0)
FL	3	Kantroy Walker (Sr., 1); 84 Jonathan Williams (Jr., 2)
PK	15	Joseph Romano (Sr., 1)

### DEFENSE (4)

LE	89	Chris Heywood (So., 0); 53 Brian Pelkey (So., 0)
LT		Shawn Cross (So., 0); 68 Mike Musial (Fr., 0)
RT	77	Shawn Thompson (Jr., 2); 91 Anthony Randle (So., 0)
RE	44	Courtney Short (Jr., 2); 67 Kevin Stefancik (So., 0)
ILB	90	Brad Hartman (So., 1); 32 Michael Kamauf (So., 0)
ILB	1	Roger Terry (Jr., 1); 52 Wayne Stevenson (So., 0)
OLB	45	Justin Sanford (Jr., 2); 6 Quincy Falker (So., 1)
CB	7	Tony Britt (Sr., 2); 27 Ben Durant (Fr., 0)
SS	9	Al Phillips (So., 1); 28 Yves Dossous (Fr., 0)
FS	26	Joe Karr (Sr., 1); 36 Justin Taresa (Fr., 0)
CB	18	Richard Messam (So., 1); Kyle Green (So., 0)
P	22	Roger Forgatsch (Sr., 1)

(Fr.) indicates Freshman of Returning Sophomore  
 (So.) indicates Sophomore of Returning Sophomore  
 (Sr.) indicates Senior of Returning Sophomore  
 (Jr.) indicates Junior of Returning Sophomore



Head Coach:  
1995 Record:

Ed Zaunbrecher  
2-9-0

**N**ortheast Louisiana University has won five games since moving up to Division I-A two years ago, but the Indians have twice embarrassed SEC teams — and on the road no less. In 1994, they defeated Kentucky at Lexington 21-14; last year, they stunned Mississippi State in Starkville 34-32.

A newcomer to Division I-A can expect to spend a lot of time on the road, and NLU has visited Colorado and Auburn in each of the last two seasons. These games are known as paydays. This fall, the Indians travel to UCLA, Arkansas, Auburn, Mississippi State (again) and Cincinnati. Interestingly, Minnesota will be the first Division I-A team to visit Monroe.

In 1995, Northeast Louisiana faced some of the nation's top offenses and gave up an average of 37 points and 479 yards a game. Those figures ranked 102nd and 103rd among the nation's 108 NCAA Division I-A teams a year ago.

The numbers should improve with the return of seven defensive starters. The Indians also return four starters on offense, both kicking specialists and 41 of 61 lettermen.

"Our depth chart is heading in the right direction," coach Ed Zaunbrecher says. "We are very young. Both lines have to come through with young players."

"The improvements we have made are more bodies, more height on the offensive line and improved speed at a couple of positions, especially at linebacker," the coach adds.

Senior quarterback Raymond Philyaw is NLU's third-leading career passer with 4,616 yards. NLU ranked 19th nationally in passing last year (260.1), and Philyaw was 12th in passing efficiency and 20th in total offense (258.4).

He completed 167-of-320 passes (52.2 percent) for 2,627 yards and 22 touchdowns — a record-tying five against Nevada — with just seven interceptions. For his career, Philyaw has thrown 36 TDs but only 14 interceptions, an impressive ratio.

The only returning lettermen at running back are juniors Carson Fields and Keith Gardner, and sophomore Mike Mitchell.

Fields led the team with 632 yards and three touchdowns on 144 carries. Gardner and Mitchell combined for 14 carries and 55 yards, and added 20 receptions for 281 yards.

It appears Fields will start at fullback, supported by redshirt freshman Eric Jones.

On the wings, the departure of Stepfret Williams, who ended his career with 15 school records, leaves a major void. Junior wideout David Smith had 13 receptions for 187 yards and three touchdowns. Sophomore Marty Booker added eight catches for 138 yards. Junior college transfer J.J. Patterson should contend for immediate playing time.

Tight end is the position of the greatest concern on offense. Redshirt freshmen Chris Spencer and Corey Stephens are top contenders.



Raymond Philyaw

On the offensive line, junior center Tommy Franklin was a season-long regular, and junior Shawn Jenkins split time between guard and tackle. He probably will play both positions for the third consecutive season. Three others who started at least twice also return, but replacing the left guard and tackle are major tasks.

Senior Charles Marshall started the first four games at guard before a knee injury ended his season. Jenkins was moved into his spot for four weeks, and junior Shane Price took over Jenkins' spot at tackle. When Jenkins went back to tackle for the final three games, sophomore James Landers started at guard. Junior Chad Reeder saw spot duty as a backup. Redshirt freshman Shane Pittard will vie for the right guard spot. Massive

(6-5, 305) Michael Hervey was projected to be a starter last season but was hurt in a car accident prior to August workouts. He's back and could contribute.

Graduation hit hardest on the defensive line, leaving only four lettermen. Three, however, are starters. Junior tackle Steve Foley may play at end. Senior Shawn Lang moves from end to tackle. Junior Damien Foster started nine games at end. The other starter is junior tackle Felix Richardson. Reserve help will come from senior John Evans, junior K.J. Graham, and redshirt freshmen Greg Morris and Mike Turner.

At linebacker, six returning players started games in '95, including senior middleman Chad Nerenberg, who led the team with 102 tackles. Sophomore Marlon Turner and senior Roderick Malcolm shared starts on the strong side, and senior Charles Moody, junior Raymond Francois

**"We have more bodies, more height on the line and improved speed at linebacker."**

— Ed Zaunbrecher

and sophomore Sirl Wright got starting assignments on the weak side.

The Indians have an experienced secondary keyed by the team's second- and third-leading returning tacklers and one of the nation's top interception men.

Senior rover Michael Young finished second to Nerenberg with 80 tackles. Senior Alonzo Hampton, the fastest player on the team, was third with 69 tackles and started all 11 games at either cornerback or free safety. Senior cornerback Corey Sampson tied for eighth nationally with six interceptions. Others with starting experience are senior cornerback Lawrence Arnold, junior cornerback Tirrell Sylvas and senior free safety Reggie Lee.

The spring two-deep chart listed junior Alfred Thomas backing Sampson at one corner and sophomore Brian Taylor as the free safety.

The Indians' special teams play is modest. Senior punter Jason Pope averaged 37.4 yards and had a school-record 17 punts downed inside the 20-yard line. Sophomore placekicker Cory Babineaux was the main placekicker the last half of the season and hit 2-of-5 field goals and 16-of-18 PATs. Gardner, Smith and Hampton are the top kickoff returners. A punt returner must be found and Mitchell will get a look.

Since shocking Mississippi State last year, Northeast Louisiana has dropped six straight games. That streak should end Aug. 29 when NLU hosts Division I-AA intrastate foe Nicholls State. Winnable games include those with Sam Houston State, Northwestern State, Central Florida and Jacksonville State. The Indians should be improved in 1996, but their record could be similar to last fall's 2-9 showing.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (4)

SE	14	Marty Booker (So., 1); 23 Derrick Bridges (Fr., 0)
LT	72	Chad Reeder (Sr., 2); Eric Lo (Sr., 0)
LG	77	James Landers (So., 1); 70 Don Tillman (Fr., 0)
C	53	Tommy Franklin (Jr., 2); 54 John Medlin (Fr., 0)
RG	79	Charles Marshall (Sr., 2); 64 Shane Pittard (Fr., 0)
RT	52	Shawn Jenkins (Jr., 2); 75 Shane Price (Jr., 2)
TE	87	Chris Spencer (Fr., 0); 83 Corey Stephens (Fr., 0)
FL	18	David Smith (Jr., 1); 89 Julius Alcee (So., 0)
QB	9	Raymond Philyaw (Sr., 3); 92 Bo Meeks (So., 1)
RB	47	Keith Gardner (Jr., 2); 20 Mike Mitchell (So., 1)
FB	32	Carson Fields (Jr., 2); 29 Eric Jones (Fr., 0)
PK	13	Cory Babineaux (So., 1)

### DEFENSE (7)

LE	86	Steve Foley (Jr., 1); 92 Mike Turner (Fr., 0)
LT	97	Shawn Lang (Sr., 1); 98 Greg Morris (So., 0)
RT		Felix Richardson (Jr., 0); K.J. Graham (Jr., 0)
RE	94	Damien Foster (Jr., 1); 85 Regan Cobb (Jr., 2)
SLB	46	Marlon Turner (So., 1); 51 Sirl Wright (So., 1)
MLB	55	Chad Nerenberg (Sr., 2); 50 Jonathan Foster (Fr., 0)
WLB	31	Roderick Malcolm (Sr., 2); 37 D.J. Davis (So., 1)
LCB	28	Corey Sampson (Sr., 1); Alfred Thomas (Jr., 0)
SS	36	Michael Young (Sr., 1); 35 Nate Jones (Fr., 0)
FS	25	Brian Taylor (So., 1); 3 Reggie Lee (Sr., 2)
RCB	6	Alonzo Hampton (Sr., 3); 2 Tirrell Sylvas (Jr., 2)
P	7	Jason Pope (Sr., 3)

(Fr.) Indicates Freshman or Returning Starter  
BOLD indicates returning starter  
NUMBER AND CLASS INDICATES LETTERMAN YEAR



**Head Coach:** Gene McDowell  
**1995 Record (SEC):** 6-5-0

**W**elcome to Division I-A football, Central Florida.

The Golden Knights bring much to the table as one of four new Division I-A members, joining Boise State and Idaho (now in the Big West Conference), and UAB (a member of Conference USA in all sports but football).

Central Florida's attributes are many: a growing enrollment (26,500 students) in a booming city (Orlando), access to Florida's fertile prep ranks, a veteran coach (Gene McDowell) with a strong background (Florida State graduate and former U.S. Army officer), a progressive athletic director (Steve Sloan), a massive stadium (the Florida Citrus Bowl, capacity 70,349) and some challenging schedules, beginning this fall.

McDowell obviously is excited about the prospects of making the jump from I-AA. The change in status already has paid dividends, specifically in terms of recruiting.

"This is the best recruiting group we've had since I came here (in January 1985)," McDowell notes. "Our future schedules are a reason we think we can have more good recruiting years."

Between now and the year 2000, independent Central Florida will battle such established I-A football schools as Ole Miss, Georgia Tech, Auburn, Mississippi State, Toledo, Purdue, New Mexico, Virginia, Georgia, East Carolina and Florida.

McDowell is ready yet realistic, noting, "I realize that to some degree we're still a Division I-AA football program. We will need five good recruiting seasons. I'm optimistic that by 1999 we will be competitive."

As for this fall, it's certain that at least one Golden Knight will be competitive. Sophomore quarterback Daunte Culpepper, who completed 168-of-294 passes for 2,071 yards and 12 touchdowns with 10 interceptions, might be one of the country's 10 best field generals.

"Of all the quarterbacks I've coached and played against, he is in their league," McDowell says. "He is certainly in the elite category and should be considered one of the country's best quarterbacks."

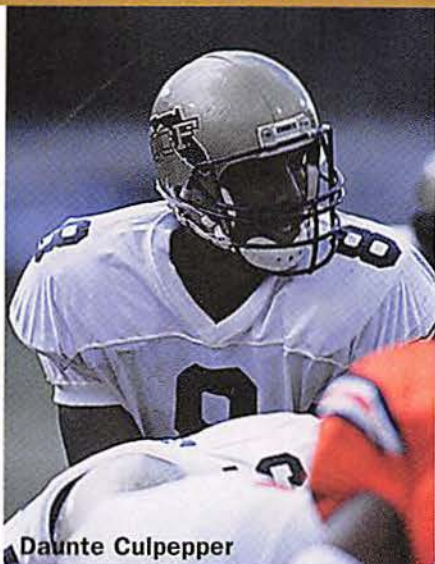
The Golden Knights lost talented tailback Marquette Smith, but sophomore Mike Grant (215 yards), junior Mike Huff and sophomore Johnnie Presley should fill the void. Senior Donald Huzzie is the likely fullback.

McDowell, concerned about his receiving corps, warns, "We could be inept at receiver."

Thus, freshman Kenny Clark, Culpepper's high school teammate, should receive significant playing time. Sophomore Mark Nonsant (25 catches, 13.4-yard average) and senior Stuart Stipe (16 catches, 16.4 average) should figure in the mix.

Sophomore Joey Hubbard is the tight end.

On the offensive line, McDowell hopes juniors Todd Cleveland and Rufus Hall can bounce back from academic and injury problems, respectively.



Daunte Culpepper

Tackles Kevin Stewart (senior) and Cornell Green (sophomore), and center Alex Galvez (senior) are returning starters. Galvez likely will be moved to one guard spot to make room for senior center Chris Wrenn, back after missing last year following knee surgery. The other guard assignment is wide open, although senior Greg Harper seems to have the edge.

On defense, senior Tarver Tate (47 tackles) has been moved from end to tackle. Junior Jameil McWhorter (39) is a quality end. The other end should be junior Jermaine Benoit, while the other tackle is projected to be freshman Jerod Durant. Newcomers will play key reserve roles on the line.

The linebacking unit is the strength of the Central Florida defense. Senior Nakia Reddick

led the Golden Knights with 90 tackles, including seven for losses. Fellow seniors Kendrick Thomas (72) and John Bryant (69) ranked second and third, respectively. Senior Emory Green is in reserve.

In the secondary, junior free safety Kenton Rickerson recorded 53 tackles, while senior cornerback Darryl Latimore added 42 stops and three interceptions. Junior Donnell Washington should be the strong safety. The other corner spot remains a concern, with sophomore Reginald Doster the expected starter.

"We've never had Division I-A-caliber cornerbacks here," McDowell says.

Special teams play is keyed by senior Charlie Pierce, who handles both punting and placekicking. His numbers from last fall were impressive: 40.7-yard average on 45 punts, 10-of-15 field goals, 34-of-35 extra points.

**"I can honestly say that our overall athletic program is a bit ahead of schedule."**

— Steve Sloan

This year's schedule offers an interesting blend of opponents, none of which appears invincible. The Golden Knights open the slate by hosting William & Mary, one of three Division I-AA foes. Following is a four-game road stretch highlighted by trips to South Carolina and East Carolina. Toward the end of the fall, the team visits Georgia Tech and UAB before closing at home against Bowling Green.

"I think we'll have a chance to have a winning year," McDowell says.

Sloan is working diligently to land the school in the ACC, Big East, Conference USA or SEC. Having been affiliated with the SEC's Alabama, Mississippi and Vanderbilt, and the ACC's Duke, Florida State and Georgia Tech, Sloan would prefer full membership in either of those two power conferences. However, he may initially have to settle for football-only membership, which only the Big East or C-USA would offer. Of the two, C-USA appears more likely to, at some point, extend an all-sports invitation.

In fact, many Central Florida supporters hope for full affiliation with the up-and-coming C-USA, a league that would provide UCF with quality yet manageable football competition, an excellent opportunity to improve Knight basketball (both men's and women's), a natural rival in Tampa-based South Florida and, at least more so than the Big East, geographic practicality (with UAB, Tulane, Southern Miss and South Florida).

"There are a myriad of factors involved," says Sloan, who is entering his fourth year in Orlando. "I can honestly say that our overall athletic program is a bit ahead of schedule. We are encouraged by this but are aware of the factors that major conferences consider before expanding."

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (6)

WR	18	Mark Nonsant (So., 1); Kenny Clark (Fr., 0)
WR	12	Stuart Stipe (Sr., 2); 19 Eric Leister (So., 1)
TE	86	Joey Hubbard (So., 1); 53 Dan Daniels (Fr., 1)
TB	21	Mike Huff (Jr., 2); 24 Mike Grant (So., 1)
FB	30	Donald Huzzie (Sr., 3); 43 Kendrick Moore (Jr., 1)
QB	8	Daunte Culpepper (So., 1); 10 Kevin Reid (Sr., 2)
RT	73	Kevin Stewart (Sr., 3); 63 Steve Wagner (Jr., 1)
RG	60	Greg Harper (Sr., 2); Julio Morejon (Jr., 0)
C	55	Chris Wrenn (Sr., 2); Bill Dayton (So., 0)
LG	66	Alex Galvez (Sr., 3); 72 Ryan Gillis (Jr., 1)
LT	70	Cornell Green (So., 1); 71 Marcus Jenkins (So., 1)
PK	15	Charlie Pierce (Sr., 3)

### DEFENSE (6)

DE	88	Jermaine Benoit (Jr., 2); Mike Osuna (Jr., 0)
DT	90	Tarver Tate (Sr., 3); 76 Larry Tucker (Fr., 0)
DT	94	Jerod Durant (Fr., 0); 93 Justin Moore (Fr., 0)
DE	48	Jameil McWhorter (Jr., 2); Fred Harley (Fr., 0)
LB	1	Nakia Reddick (Sr., 3); 62 Mike Spencer (Fr., 0)
LB	31	Kendrick Thomas (Sr., 2); 41 Mike Palmer (So., 0)
LB	42	John Bryant (Sr., 3); 45 Emory Green (Sr., 2)
CB	3	Reginald Doster (So., 1); 27 William Washington (Jr., 2)
CB	44	Darryl Latimore (Sr., 3); Paul Miranda (So., 0)
FS	4	Kenton Rickerson (Jr., 2); Tyrell Rice (Fr., 0)
SS	27	Donnell Washington (Jr., 2); Brian Jackson (Fr., 0)
P	15	Charlie Pierce (Sr., 3)

(A) indicates number of returning starters  
 BOLD indicates returning starters  
 NUMBER AND CLASS INDICATE LETTERS AND YEAR



**Head Coach:** Pokey Allen  
**1995 Record (Big Sky):** 7-4-0 (4-3-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 5th Big West

**T**he move from Division I-AA to I-A is A-OK with Boise State coach Pokey Allen.

Most coaches would bemoan the loss of more than half the previous year's lettermen and 14 or more starters. Not Allen. He's simply glad to be alive. Having to replace players is mere child's play for a man who has battled cancer.

Allen received the best Christmas present of all in December after a thorough examination that included a CT scan on his chest, abdomen and pelvic region, and an MRI on his right shoulder and arm. The medical report concluded, "There was no indication of any cancer anywhere."

Allen was diagnosed with a rare form of tissue cancer two days after Boise State lost the 1994 Division I-AA championship game to Youngstown State. The tumor was removed from his right arm in March 1995, but chemotherapy treatments didn't help much and Allen had to interrupt 1995 spring practice to re-enter the hospital.

An apparently successful stem cell transplant followed three months later. Allen was well enough to lead the Broncos to a 7-4 record in their final season after 26 years in the Big Sky Conference, arguably America's top Division I-AA league. They left with six conference titles, the 1980 Division I-AA national championship and a 26-year record of 202-99-2. During those years, Boise State played 30 games against Division I-A opponents, compiling a 13-17 record.

The Broncos are now a member of the restructured Big West Conference, but the timing could be better. Boise returns only 26 of 53 lettermen, including three starters on offense, three on defense and the punter.

"We are going to have to coach at our absolute best and get some breaks this season," Allen says. "I like the talent we have. We're just young, inexperienced and lack depth at most positions."

With the move to Division I-A, Boise State faces the most ambitious schedule in its history. The Broncos will be welcomed to the Big West by defending champion Nevada on the road and will also visit Arizona State of the Pac-10 and Fresno State and Hawaii of the WAC.

Senior Tony Hilde, who holds all the Boise State career passing records except touchdown tosses, left the team for personal reasons in the spring. His status is a question. Last year, Hilde (6,634 yards and 49 touchdowns for his career) passed for 2,386 yards and 18 TDs, with only five interceptions in 279 attempts; he also rushed for 375 yards and a team-leading nine touchdowns.

In Hilde's absence, redshirt freshman Erik Davis directed the Bronco offense in the spring.

Injuries riddled the halfback position last year. Senior Tommy Edwards, a part-time starter, played in seven games before being sidelined with shoulder problems. Edwards (437 yards, five touchdowns), who missed spring work, transferred from Virginia Tech, where he was known as "Touchdown Tommy" after scoring 10 times in 1993. Sophomore Marlin Carey will play.



Ryan Ikebe

The only other returning letterman halfback is sophomore Eron Hurley, the second-leading rusher with 416 yards and six touchdowns. He will play some at fullback.

Senior Ryan Ikebe has caught 101 career passes for 1,792 yards and 18 touchdowns. Last year, he grabbed 34 passes for a team-high 742 yards (a nifty 21.8 yards per catch) and five touchdowns.

Candidates for the other wideout position include lettermen seniors Greg Thomas and Andre Horace and sophomore Tony Mamaril. Thomas caught 12 passes last year for 222 yards and a touchdown.

After playing in all 11 games last year as a true freshman and catching five passes for 65 yards, Jim Brekke is ready to take over at tight end.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (3)

WR	Greg Thomas (Sr., 1); Tony Mamaril (So., 1)
WR	Ryan Ikebe (Sr., 3); Andre Horace (Sr., 1)
LT	Jermaine Belin (So., 1); Jeremy Markins (Fr., 0)
LG	Josue Alvarez (Jr., 0); Ryan Groneman (Fr., 0)
C	Ted Butler (Sr., 1); Joey Horvat (Fr., 0)
RG	Jordan LePiane (Sr., 3); Jarred Renner (So., 1)
RT	Nat Meade (Jr., 2); Greg Klum (Fr., 0)
QB	Erik Davis (Fr., 0); Byron Harslin (Fr., 0)
TE	Jim Brekke (So., 1); Dave Stachelski (Fr., 0)
FB	Eron Hurley (So., 1); Jesse Chan (So., 1)
HB	Marlin Carey (So., 1); Reggie Ethridge (Jr., 0)
PK	Todd Belcastro (So., 1)

### DEFENSE (3)

LE	Erik Nielson (So., 1); Shane McKenna (So., 1)
LT	Sione Fifita (Sr., 3); Jay Gibson (So., 1)
RT	Jon Rydman (Fr., 0); Erasto Jackson (Jr., 0)
RE	Chris Wing (Sr., 2); Rollis Talaemotu (Fr., 0)
OLB	Ray Garcia (Sr., 1); Jeremy Haener (Sr., 3)
MLB	Jeremy Haener (Sr., 3); Richard Sweeney (Jr., 0)
OLB	Jim Clark (Sr., 1); Brian Steger (Jr., 0)
CB	Damon Schilling (Fr., 0); Fred Hough (Fr., 0)
SS	Derek Zimmerman (Fr., 0); Marcel Yates (Fr., 0)
FS	Jeff Davis (So., 1); Lorin Forester (Fr., 0)
CB	Makeesh Brooks (Fr., 0); Ross Farris (Fr., 0)
P	Jeff Davis (So., 1)

(R) indicates Return or Returnable Status  
 (S) indicates Starting Status  
 (F) indicates Freshman Status  
 (Jr.) indicates Junior Status  
 (Sr.) indicates Senior Status

Two of the few offensive holdovers from a year ago are linemen: senior guard Jordan LePiane and sophomore tackle Jermaine Belin. LePiane is a two-year starter; Belin won his job at midseason.

Despite losing three starters on the line, the Broncos have solid replacements in junior tackle Nat Meade, sophomore center Ted Butler (a Nebraska transfer), junior guard Josue Alvarez and redshirt freshman guard Ryan Groneman.

With two of the four starters returning, the line is the strength of the defense. Senior tackle Sione Fifita is the only returning Bronco who earned first-team All-Big Sky honors last season. He totaled 54 tackles and five sacks. Senior end Chris Wing started alongside Fifita and was the top tackler among the linemen with 58 stops.

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— Pokey Allen

Bidding for the other spots are sophomore ends Shane McKenna and Erik Nielson, freshman tackle Jon Rydman and junior tackle Erasto Jackson, a Navy transfer.

Senior linebacker Jeremy Haener stepped into the starting lineup at midseason. The rest of the field includes seniors Jim Clark and Ray Garcia, and junior college transfers Brian Steger and Richard Sweeney.

The secondary will have a dramatically new look. None of last year's top eight players was on the spring roster. Junior cornerback Jason Payne, who led the team with four interceptions, was expected back, but he tore up a knee during the off-season and probably will miss all of 1996. The strong safety is redshirt freshman Derek Zimmerman. Fellow first-year players Damion Schilling and Makeesh Brooks will man the corners. The free safety looks to be sophomore Jeff Davis.

The aforementioned Davis averaged 39.3 yards per punt last fall. Placekicker Greg Erickson has departed; the only kickers on the spring roster were sophomore Todd Belcastro and Pacific transfer Zack McSweeney.

Wideout Horace returned 14 kickoffs last year for a 23.1-yard average and averaged 3.2 yards on six punt returns. Rashid Gayle, the top punt returner, is gone.

Simply put, Allen will need every bit of his physical and emotional strength to keep the Broncos respectable in Division I-A. Fortunately, Boise State will play a couple of Division I-AA teams (Northwestern State and Big Sky member Eastern Washington) and one from Division II (Portland State).

If the Broncos can beat those three opponents and two others, the season would be considered a smashing success. A win against in-state rival and fellow Big West newcomer Idaho would help.



**Head Coach:** Lee Owens  
**1995 Record (MAC):** 2-9-0 (2-6-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 10th MAC

To start the 1995 season, Eastern Michigan kicked off to Akron's Lew Lawhorn, who returned the kick 93 yards for a touchdown. End of highlight film for the Zips.

Playing with only a handful of seniors, Akron lost that game and eight others en route to a 2-9 record (2-6, tied for seventh in the Mid-American Conference). In the process, the Zips played eight true freshmen and yielded a school-record 428 points.

(About the nickname Zips. It originated in 1925 when a female student tried on a \$6 pair of rubber shoes called Zippers, made by the Akron-based BF Goodrich Company, and submitted the name during a nickname contest. Other unique nicknames considered were the Golden Blue Devils, the Tip Toppers, the Rubbernecks, the Hillbillies, the Kangaroos and the Cheveliers.)

But we digress. Now back to football. How bad has it been for the football program located in the city known as "The Trucking Capital of the World"? In the last two years, MAC rival Miami of Ohio has scored 50 points against Akron — all in the first half.

Frighteningly, the situation doesn't look substantially better for 1996.

"Hopefully, with more experience, a year in the weight room and the addition of some quality recruits, we can continue to move this program forward," coach Lee Owens says as he enters his second season at the helm. "We were so young on defense, and experience means so much. Now that we have some experience, we have to develop depth, a physical presence and build some pride on defense."

At least Akron's numbers are healthy. The Zips return 47 of 56 lettermen, including nine starters on offense and 10 on defense, plus the punter. The team will need the bodies as it faces a schedule that lists Big East co-champion Virginia Tech, MAC champ Toledo and Big Ten strongboy Illinois in the second, third and fourth games, respectively.

The only losses on offense were quarterback Matt Kaulig, who didn't become the starter until late in the season, and wide receiver/return specialist Lawhorn.

Redshirt freshman Willie Spencer could win the starting quarterback job, although senior Mike Junko and junior Brian Magrell earned more starts than the departed Kaulig.

Junko completed 52.7 percent of his 148 passes for 864 yards, five touchdowns and seven interceptions. Magrell connected on 48.5 percent of his 103 tosses for 563 yards and four scores. Spencer, from high school power Massillon, was a first-team all-stater in 1994 as well as Northeast Ohio Inland Offensive Player of the Year.

The running attack could be improved yet remain only modestly effective. Senior Tommy Dunn looks to be the starter at tailback. Junior fullback/tailback Terrel Dixon (463 yards on 143 attempts for a 3.2 average and one touchdown)



and sophomore tailback Greg Lomax (158 yards) will battle for starting positions. University of the Pacific transfer Yasin Reeder, a senior, will challenge at tailback. Junior Jamie Reader (230 yards, 3.4 yards per carry, one score) returns as the starting fullback.

Although Akron quarterbacks completed a school-record 162 passes last year, senior wideouts Devon Scott (17 catches) and Matt Thiry (19), and sophomore Carl Whitt (eight) need to improve greatly. Reader is one of the MAC's best pass-catching fullbacks, recording 20 receptions for 125 yards (6.3 yards per catch) and two touchdowns last fall.

Sophomore Bill Putney (six receptions) returns at tight end but might be unseated by junior

Chad Zgone (eight). As with most other positions on the team, Akron needs a more physical presence at tight end.

Returning intact is a fairly experienced offensive line led by senior tackle Brian Gabriesheski and senior guard Andy Kittle. Sophomores Rick Scheiderer at tackle, Bill Hildebrand at center and Kevin Kuntz at guard will be the other starters. This is a group that clearly has some chemistry but needs to improve its collective strength.

The only loss on the defensive side of the ball came at an end position. The Zips recorded just 12 sacks last year, led by sophomore tackle Jamey Bennett's five. No one else on the team tallied more than two. Returning with Bennett are senior tackle Joe Rumolo and junior end Eric Anderson.

Senior Jason Taylor is far more advanced than

**"Hopefully, we can continue to move this program forward."**

— Lee Owens

the other linebackers — sophomore Ahmad Peterson, junior Patrick Powell and freshman Charles Bessey.

Sophomore cornerback Jonathan Eaton played well as a freshman. The rest of the secondary includes sophomore strong safety George Germany, senior cornerback Bryan Coles and senior free safety John Harpring, brother of the Georgia Tech basketball star.

Akron signed junior college transfer James Stidham to replace graduated placekicker Jozsef Jakab. Junior punter Lloyd Kessler averaged 37.8 yards.

The departed Lawhorn paced the team by a significant margin in both kickoff and punt returns. Replacing him will not be an easy task.

"We have a challenge in front of us," understates Owens.

Of course, Owens faces numerous challenges as he tries to lead a program that has a far better tradition than its struggles of the past nine years or so might suggest.

In 95 seasons of competition, starting in 1891, Akron has fashioned a very respectable 417-379-36 record (52.7 percent). From 1961 to 1971, the Zips registered 11 consecutive .500 or better seasons.

However, since becoming in 1987 a football member of Division I-A, Akron has struggled, amassing a mark of 38-58-3. School athletic officials were hopeful that joining the MAC (1992) would improve the Zips' football fortunes. But Akron's records for those four seasons have been 7-3-1, 5-6, 1-10 and 2-9.

As for this season, four wins are within reach and, if attained, would make for a successful campaign. With six road games, however, a two-win season appears more realistic.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (9)

WR	26	Devon Scott (Sr., 2); 87 Carl Whitt (So., 1)
LT	65	Brian Gabriesheski (Sr., 3); 64 Steve Hale (Fr., 0)
LG	78	Kevin Kuntz (So., 1); 70 Bill Hildebrand (So., 1)
C	70	Bill Hildebrand (So., 1); 67 Eric Ervin (Sr., 2)
RG	61	Andy Kittle (Sr., 3); 52 Charles Davy (Fr., 0)
RT	73	Rick Scheiderer (So., 1); 60 Dan Wessman (Fr., 0)
TE	40	Bill Putney (So., 0); 85 Chad Zgone (Jr., 2)
WR	2	Matt Thiry (Sr., 3); 3 Devon Scott (Sr., 2)
QB	10	Mike Junko (Sr., 3); 1 Brian Magrell (Jr., 2)
TB	4	Tommy Dunn (Sr., 1); 27 Greg Lomax (So., 0)
FB	38	Jamie Reader (Jr., 2); 44 Terrel Dixon (Jr., 2)
PK	15	James Stidham (Jr., 0)

### DEFENSE (10)

LE	54	Andy Wilson (So., 1); 94 Jeremy Maxa (So., 1)
LT	77	Joe Rumolo (Sr., 2); 63 Anthony Simon (So., 1)
RT	92	Jamey Bennett (So., 1); 63 Anthony Simon (So., 1)
RE	48	Eric Anderson (Jr., 2); 50 Tark West (Jr., 1)
LB	51	Charles Bessey (Fr., 0); 45 Ahmad Peterson (So., 1)
LB	46	Patrick Powell (Jr., 2); 43 Eric Small (So., 1)
LB	33	Jason Taylor (Sr., 3); 41 Corey Christian (Jr., 2)
LC	16	Jonathan Eaton (So., 1); 21 Jerome Cargile (So., 1)
RC	14	Bryan Coles (Sr., 3); 21 Jerome Cargile (So., 1)
SS	23	George Germany (So., 1); 34 Andre McCray (So., 1)
FS	12	John Harpring (Sr., 3); 29 Julius Lancaster (Fr., 0)
P	47	Lloyd Kessler (Jr., 1)

(R) Indicates Return or Returner Statistics  
 (B) Indicates Backup or Backup Statistics  
 (N) Indicates Number of Games Played



**Head Coach:**  
**1995 Record:**

**Watson Brown**  
**5-6-0**

In the fall of 1989, UAB fielded its first club football team.

Two years later, the Blazer program moved to NCAA Division III status. Two years later, UAB jumped to Division I-AA. Now, three years after the move to I-AA in 1993, UAB joins the NCAA's other 110 Division I-A football programs as an independent.

The fast escalation reminds some of the quickness with which then-UAB basketball coach Gene Bartow, the school's athletic director, catapulted the Blazers from the birth of the program in 1978 to the NCAA Tournament Elite Eight in 1982 to continued success in the 1990s.

But this is football, a sport that is dominated in the state of Alabama by the University of Alabama and Auburn. Second-year Blazer coach Watson Brown knows his task is not an easy one but is optimistic.

"I feel strongly about our potential," says Brown, who replaced UAB football architect Jim Hilyer in January 1995. "We have a lot to sell football-wise. The fans and media have been very supportive."

Yes, these are exciting times in Birmingham.

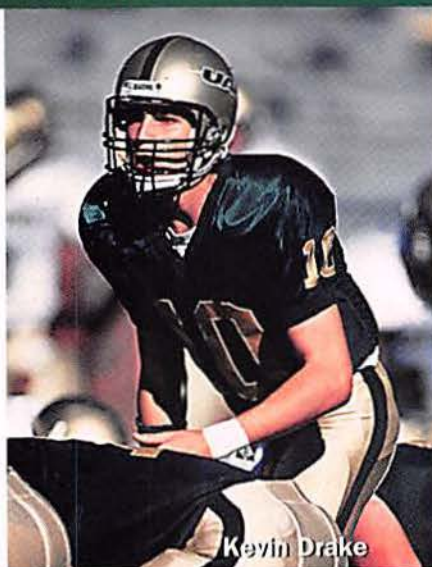
UAB, a vibrant, progressive urban university of 16,000 students, is the state's largest employer (15,000-plus employees) and has an annual budget of \$1 billion. The university's medical school is one of the nation's finest, while the departments of psychology and anthropology are also well-respected. In 1992, U.S. News and World Report named UAB the "number one up-and-coming university in the country."

Athletically, UAB now competes in all sports except football in the high-profile Conference USA, one of America's eight comprehensive equity leagues (as officially designated during last January's NCAA Convention). The school has a new mascot for its Blazers nickname (a fire-breathing dragon) and the name recognition (the Alabama-Birmingham designation is no longer used or needed) that has stemmed, in part, from Bartow's success and C-USA membership.

Unquestionably, Bartow deserves much credit for the rapid ascension of Blazer athletics. Under his leadership, UAB won the 1993-94 Commissioner's Cup, given to the school with the most successful overall athletic program, in the now-defunct Great Midwest Conference, of which the school was a charter member. However, many others, including UAB President J. Claude Bennett and faculty representative to C-USA Dr. Rose Scripa, have played significant roles in helping the school secure high-profile academic and athletic recognition.

"The community response to what we've been doing with athletics, and particularly football, has been very good," Bartow says. "We feel Watson has done a wonderful job."

Bartow stresses the importance of name recognition and how it can relate to the football program, specifically when compared to the



Kevin Drake

Crimson Tide program at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

"The use of UAB is part of our overall plan," he notes. "For years, we have been encouraging the media to use it instead of Alabama-Birmingham, and for the most part they have responded well."

Now it is time to see how well folks will respond to Division I-A Blazer football.

To begin with, Brown and his staff signed (of 25 players total) 11 offensive skill players last February. Some will be expected to contribute to a multifaceted offense that outgained foes in total yardage 336.2 yards to 297.8 last fall.

Two young men will battle to oversee Brown's unpredictable offense. Part-time starting quarterback Rodney Hudson, a senior who played in five

games and hit 33-of-66 passes for 414 yards, was felled in Game 5, a 28-13 road loss to Middle Tennessee State, a future Division I participant. He was replaced by junior Kevin Drake (51-of-113, 691 yards, three touchdowns). Either is capable of directing the UAB offense.

"I think Rodney will be the starter going into August," Brown says.

Behind either Hudson or Drake, senior Keith Roland (463 yards, 4.8 per carry) and sophomore Chris Daniels (449, 5.4) comprise a solid running tandem. Sophomore Mark Lynch could emerge as a fine player.

An untested trio of junior Marcel Rachel and senior Eric Nation, both converted cornerbacks, and senior Kenny Causey will be called upon in what will often be a four-receiver set (including Lynch).

"I'm a four-wideout coach," Brown says.

When a tight end is used, he will be senior Lamar Lee (16 catches).

On the offensive line, senior center Josh Widner, an 11-game starter, is being pushed by junior Johnny Rea. Sophomore Dale Brown mans the left guard spot. Right guard Jody Coulter, a junior, could be joined by freshman Jason Ray at right tackle. Junior Mark Reeves is at left tackle.

Defensively, senior Isaih Owens (43 tackles) and junior Terry Smith (32 stops) may anchor the Blazer front. Sophomores Curtis Jeter, Michael Roberto and Sterrick Morgan, and freshman Wallace Rutledge also should figure in.

All three starting linebackers return, led by senior Kerry Frazier (a team-leading 91 stops, four sacks, six tackles for losses). The other two starters are junior Shawn Alexander and sophomore Brian Bozeman. Seniors Joey Roberto and Faruq Burns are battling for playing time.

In the secondary, junior free safety Alan Willis (85 tackles) is dependable. The strong safety should be junior Izell Reese (70 tackles). Former receiver Omar Parker (sophomore) is now at one corner; junior Dainon Sidney mans the other.

UAB lost both kickers. Junior Lee Miller should handle placements, while senior Kevin Tatarek will punt. Parker returned 12 kicks for a 20.5-yard average.

Perhaps the key to UAB's gridiron health is securing C-USA football membership. With it, the Blazers would have a chance to finish, say, 9-2 and in a final Top 25 ranking. Without it, UAB football might be permanently relegated to second- or third-tier status, playing frequent brutal road games to make money and infrequent unattractive home games that will generate minimal fan interest.

Media reports suggest C-USA will want UAB as a football participant by the year 2000.

"Decisions of this type are made at the presidential level," says Bartow, who hopes the Blazers can average 20,000 fans in seven home games this year. "The presidents of the schools in Conference USA know we're hopeful."

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (5)

X	Marcel Rachel (Jr., 1); Jake Vest (So., 1)
LT	Mark Reeves (Jr., 1); Brian Gunningham (Sr., 0)
LG	Dale Brown (So., 1); Brian Creel (Jr., 2)
C	Johnny Rea (Jr., 2); Josh Widner (Sr., 2)
RG	Jody Coulter (Jr., 1); A.J. Johnson (Sr., 3)
RT	Jason Ray (Fr., 0); Anthony Reid (Jr., 1)
W	Eric Nation (Sr., 3); Derrick Colley (So., 1)
Z	Kenny Causey (Sr., 0); Alexander Adamson (Sr., 1)
QB	Rodney Hudson (Sr., 1); Kevin Drake (Jr., 2)
RB	Keith Roland (Sr., 1); Carl Sanders (Jr., 0)
A	Mark Lynch (So., 1); Glenn Griggs (Jr., 2)
PK	Lee Miller (Jr., 1)

### DEFENSE (6)

R	Wallace Rutledge (Fr., 0); Terrance Winborn (Fr., 0)
T	Terry Smith (Jr., 1); Sterrick Morgan (So., 1)
N	Isaih Owens (Sr., 2); Curtis Jeter (So., 1)
E	Michael Roberto (So., 1); Reginald King (So., 1)
LB	Brian Bozeman (So., 1); Faruq Burns (Sr., 0)
LB	Kerry Frazier (Sr., 1); Brent Turner (So., 1)
LB	Shawn Alexander (Jr., 2); Joey Roberto (Sr., 1)
CB	Omar Parker (So., 1); Anthony Blevins (Jr., 1)
FS	Alan Willis (Jr., 2); Justin Craft (Sr., 2)
SS	Izell Reese (Jr., 2); James Godfrey (Fr., 0)
CB	Dainon Sidney (Jr., 0); Johnny Flowers (Sr., 0)
P	Kevin Tatarek (Sr., 2)

(W) Watson Brown; (F) Faruq Burns; (S) Sterrick Morgan

(S) Sterrick Morgan; (F) Faruq Burns; (W) Watson Brown



**Head Coach:** Chris Tormey  
**1995 Record (Big Sky):** 6-5-0 (5-2-0)  
**1996 Pick:** 6th Big West

The precedent was set in 1992 when Nevada won the Big West Conference title in its first season.

Now the University of Idaho, a powerful presence in Division I-AA football as a member of the Big Sky Conference, is making the leap to the I-A level and, in particular, to its new home within the Big West ranks. Most certainly it would like to see history repeat itself.

"I think we can compete at this level," says coach Chris Tormey, whose first Idaho team went 6-4 during the 1995 regular season, then lost to top-ranked McNeese State 33-3 in the first round of the NCAA playoffs. "The style of play is similar. The passing attack is big. Everybody wants to throw the ball to beat you."

The Vandals open the new season with a 13-game home winning streak, a run that will be seriously challenged when Idaho plays its first Big West game ever — against, wouldn't you know, defending conference champion Nevada, who was undefeated in Big West play last year.

Idaho football is not without its impressive past. Since the Dennis Erickson years (current head coach of the NFL's Seattle Seahawks), beginning in 1982, the Vandals have achieved a combined record of 119-50 (.704), have posted 14 consecutive winning seasons and have made 11 postseason appearances (NCAA Division I-AA playoffs).

Idaho ended the 1995 regular season by winning five of its last six games — including a 55-43 slugfest with eventual I-AA champion Montana — after a 1-3 start. The four regular-season setbacks were all by seven points or less.

For their inaugural Division I-A campaign, the Vandals return 32 of 48 lettermen, including four starters on offense and six on defense. The punter also is back.

Last season, Big Sky teams averaged 247 passing yards a game to 252 for the Big West. Idaho averaged 235, but lost quarterback Eric Hisaw. For their Division I-A debut, however, they have a Division I-A quarterback, senior Ryan Fien, who transferred from UCLA where he started three times early last season. His final numbers were 36 completions in 63 attempts (57.1 percent) for 421 yards and a pair of touchdowns. He wasn't intercepted.

Top rusher Lavoni Kidd graduated, but Idaho returns junior Joel Thomas and sophomore Jerome Thomas for its one-back set. They are not related, but each had a 100-yard game last year. Joel was the starting running back until he suffered a season-ending foot injury. Jerome came off the bench to rush for 122 yards in a road win at Northern Iowa.

Idaho has long been known for its smurf-like wide receivers, and senior starter David Griffin returns. The rest of the wideouts are bigger than usual, and sophomore Robert Scott, who caught 29 passes for 477 yards and six touchdowns in his first season as a wide receiver, could emerge as a



Barry Mitchell

Doug Henderson

star. He also could play some quarterback, having thrown for 232 yards and two touchdowns in a junior varsity contest last fall.

The Vandals have added junior college transfers Antonio Wilson and Jerome Allen, and junior Deon Price, who transferred when the University of the Pacific dropped football. The tight end spot features reliable senior starter Andy Gilroy (6-1, 219).

Idaho must replace four of the five interior offensive linemen, returning only senior guard Richard Zenk (6-5, 274). His twin brother, Steven (6-5, 273, senior), is a top candidate for a tackle spot, along with junior Crosby Tajan (6-5, 264).

Junior Dan Zeamer (6-2, 276) has moved

from the defensive line to offensive guard. Junior Bill Verdonk (6-3, 269), who played on the defensive line as a freshman at Kentucky in 1994, was a backup offensive lineman at Idaho last year and is this year's probable starting center. Junior college transfers Ryan Meek (6-4, 279) and Matthew Yonan (6-4, 262) could hold the key to the success of the unit.

"The offensive line is an area where we need to identify some starters," reiterates Tormey. "We've got a number of quality candidates."

Tormey's tinkering with the Vandals defense in 1995 should be a big carryover into the '96 season. Idaho gave up 20 or more points just four times, the lowest figure since 1971, and the opposition averaged only 17.6 points a game. If defense begins upfront, the Vandals are off to a good start since all four starters return to the defensive line.

**"I think we can compete at this level . . . Everybody wants to throw the ball to beat you."**

— Coach Chris Tormey

Tormey calls seniors Ryan Phillips (6-4, 253) and Barry Mitchell (6-3, 243) "as good a pair of defensive ends as anybody has in the Big West." They are joined by junior tackles Tim Wilson (6-0, 243) and Ryan Smith (6-4, 243).

Idaho lost first-team all-conference pick Dave Longoria and second-teamer Avery Slaughter at the outside linebacker spots. Senior Jason Shelt (6-0, 230), a three-year starter, returns in the middle. He was the second-leading tackler a year ago with 71 stops and is fourth on the career ladder of all-time Idaho tacklers (333). But Tormey notes, "Our ability to replace (Slaughter and Longoria) will have a lot to do with whether we're as good as we were a year ago."

The top candidates to fill the outside vacancies include juniors Whitney Mayer (5-11, 206) and John Harper (6-2, 213), but keep an eye on red-shirt freshmen Jevon Robinson (6-2, 191) and Nick Alexakos (6-3, 208).

The 1995 secondary was much improved and a key reason Idaho went from allowing 322 passing yards a game in 1994 to giving up 210 per game last season. Returning starters are senior cornerback Tommy James and senior strong safety Antoine Chambers. Also returning is junior cornerback Arnold Gunn, who was a starter at the beginning of the season before injuring a shoulder. "Arnold," says Tormey, "is a proven player. He just has to stay healthy."

Sophomore Justin Spiva ranked 12th nationally (I-AA) in punting with a 40.3-yard average. This year, he assumes the placekicking duties as well, with the departure of Ryan Woolverton.

Wide receiver Griffin ranked second in the Big Sky last year with a 7.5-yard punt return average. All the kickoff returners are gone.

## depth chart

### OFFENSE (4)

LT	65	Crosby Tajan (Jr., 1)
LG	60	Richard Zenk (Sr., 3); 78 Jason Stark (So., 0)
C	76	Bill Verdonk (Jr., 1); 67 Nathan Lundquist (Fr., 0)
RG	69	Dan Zeamer (Sr., 3); 79 Matthew Yonan (Jr., 0)
RT	71	Steven Zenk (Sr., 2); 77 Ryan Meek (Jr., 0)
TE	31	Andy Gilroy (Sr., 3); 84 Jeff Pankratz (So., 1)
WR	5	Chad Berry (Jr., 2); 26 Tom Gamelin (Sr., 0)
WR	33	David Griffin (Sr., 3); 21 Ryan Prestimonico (Fr., 0)
WR	4	Robert Scott (So., 1); 17 Deon Price (Jr., 0)
QB	12	Ryan Fien (Sr., 0); 16 Darick Pope (Fr., 0)
RB	1	Joel Thomas (Jr., 2); 32 Jerome Thomas (So., 1)
PK	29	Justin Spiva (So., 1)

### DEFENSE (6)

LE	96	Ryan Phillips (Sr., 3); 90 Robert Mulder (Sr., 1)
LT	95	Tim Wilson (Jr., 2); 87 Garner Moody (Jr., 2)
RT	86	Ryan Smith (Sr., 2); 94 John Laleunesse (Jr., 2)
RE	89	Barry Mitchell (Sr., 3); 68 Matt Kramer (Fr., 0)
LB	34	Whitney Mayer (Jr., 1); 7 Jevon Robinson (Fr., 0)
LB	43	Jason Shelt (Sr., 3); 44 Ryan Skinner (So., 1)
LB	46	John Harper (Jr., 2); 37 Nick Alexakos (Fr., 0)
LC	22	Yaphet Warren (So., 1); 14 Ryan McGinnis (Jr., 0)
RC	23	Arnold Gunn (Jr., 2)
FS	10	Bryson Gardner (Fr., 0)
SS	36	Antoine Chambers (Sr., 1); 42 Kevin Hill (So., 1)
P	29	Justin Spiva (So., 1)

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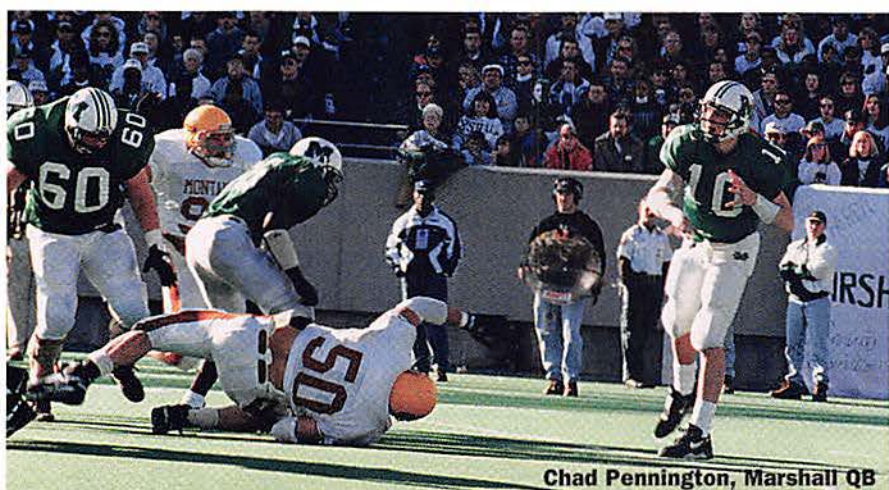
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## Division I-AA preview



# Marshall Gets Last Shot at Title Before I-A Jump

by RICK BAILEY  
*Lexington Herald-Leader*

**C**hroniclers of NCAA Division I-AA football began writing about Youngstown State and Marshall beginning with the 1991 championship game.

The teams' destinies became intertwined as they formed a twin dynasty in the '90s.

They faced off in three consecutive title games, with Youngstown winning twice. The Penguins won it all in 1994 after Marshall lost in the playoff semifinals to Boise State. The Thundering Herd reached the title game in '95, losing to Montana. And in the postseason, after enduring an unexpected 3-8 campaign, Youngstown coach Jim Tressel was linked briefly to the coaching job at Marshall.

So here they are again, Marshall the No. 1 pick, and Youngstown ready to return to the playoffs. But this will be the last time. At least in Division I-AA.

After years of planning and anticipation, Marshall will make the jump to Division I-A and join the Mid-American Conference in 1997. Youngstown will stay at the I-AA level for now.

But who would dare to say these two won't get together, their fans forming a sea of green and red at Marshall Stadium, to decide the '96 championship on Dec. 21?

Record-setting running back Chris Parker is gone at Marshall, but Southern Conference Freshman of the Year Chad Pennington returns at quarterback. Best of all for the Thundering Herd (12-3) is that most of the 1995 defense also will be on hand.

What's new is the coach, Bob Pruett, former defensive coordinator at Florida who succeeded Jim Donnan, now head coach at Georgia. Pruett has installed a new offense, and his first task is replacing Parker, the Southern's career rushing leader. Senior Erik Thomas, junior Olandis Gary and sophomore Doug Chapman are leading candidates.

As a rookie last season, Pennington passed for 2,445 yards and 15 touchdowns in leading the Herd to the title game after a one-year absence.

Junior tight end Jermaine Wiggins (58 receptions) and senior wideout Tim Martin (54 catches) return. Seniors Aaron Ferguson (6-3, 280) and Jamie Wilson (6-7, 285) are bulwarks on the offensive line.

All-American Billy Lyon (6-5, 290, senior) will be a major force at defensive tackle. Junior end B.J. Cohen (6-3, 240) won All-Southern honors.

Youngstown, decimated by the loss of key personnel in critical positions, dropped its 1995 opener to nearby rival Kent on the next-to-last play, faced several I-AA powers early and wound up with a 1-5 start. But young players gained experience, and Tressel is anxious to see how they perform this fall.



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Star quarterback Mark Brungard has departed, leaving several candidates for the job. Junior Demond Tidwell has served as an understudy and has the most training of the Penguin returnees and newcomers.

Sophomores Jake Andreadis and Brian Cottom got valuable experience in the backfield last season. Tackles Jim Jones (6-4, 260, senior), a defender for two years, and Matt Hogg (6-5, 270, junior) anchor the offensive front.

Middle guard Andre Jethroe (6-1, 240), a four-year starter, "has been as influential on defense as anyone," Tressel says.

Several other teams will have their say about who winds up in Huntington, W.Va., for the title game.

Defending I-AA champion Montana (13-2) won a tense battle with Marshall 22-20 for the national title after outscoring three playoff foes 163-14 behind Walter Payton Award-winning quarterback Dave Dickenson.

"I think it'll be an awfully good team," said Don Read, ex-Grizzlies coach, before retiring in mid-April. Read was replaced by Michael Dennehy, who was promoted from offensive coordinator. Dennehy was bequeathed 18 starters from last year's championship team, but one of them is not Dickenson who graduated.

Junior Josh Paffhausen and sophomore Brian Ah Yat usually shared time at quarterback in the fourth quarter and part of the third period.

Most of Montana's defense returns. Senior middle linebacker Jason Crebo ranks with the best linebackers the Grizzlies have ever had.

Northern Arizona (7-4) and Weber State (6-5) will offer the main challenge to Montana in the Big Sky Conference. Traditional powers Idaho and Boise State have jumped to Division I-A replaced by Division II threat Portland State, Cal State Sacramento and Cal State Northridge.

Appalachian State (12-1) will challenge Marshall for conference supremacy as it attempts to remain a power in I-AA. The Mountaineers won the Southern Conference with a perfect regular season, then lost to Stephen F. Austin in the quarterfinals. Sixteen starters return.

Appalachian State middle linebacker Dexter Coakley will try to earn a second Division I-AA Defensive Player of the Year award. A two-time All-American, he "can run with almost any back," coach Jerry Moore says. "He has a nose for the football. Great linebackers are that way." Senior linebacker Koe DiBernardo has been All-Southern for two years.

The always tough Southland Conference has become even more rugged with the addition of Troy State this fall and Jacksonville State in '97. In fact, it's now known as the Southland Football League.

Defending champion McNeese State (13-1), No. 1 in the final regular-season Sports Network poll, lost to Marshall in the semifinals and was hit hard by graduation, especially since quarterback Kerry Joseph departed.

Tim Leger was the backup as a true freshman last fall. He has impressed coach Bobby Keasler with his maturity and leadership.

Redshirt freshman Earl Bynum and LSU transfer Derrick Beavers, a junior, will be the Cowboys' running backs. Sophomore tackle Reggie Nelson (6-4, 310) anchors the offensive line.

On defense, senior tackle Tyrone Smith (6-2, 275) has the only experience up front. Senior free safety Zack Bronson has been All-Southland three years and was an All-American in '95.

Stephen F. Austin (11-2) lost only to McNeese State and Montana, and the junior-dominated Lumberjacks return 12 starters on defense, including two from 1994.

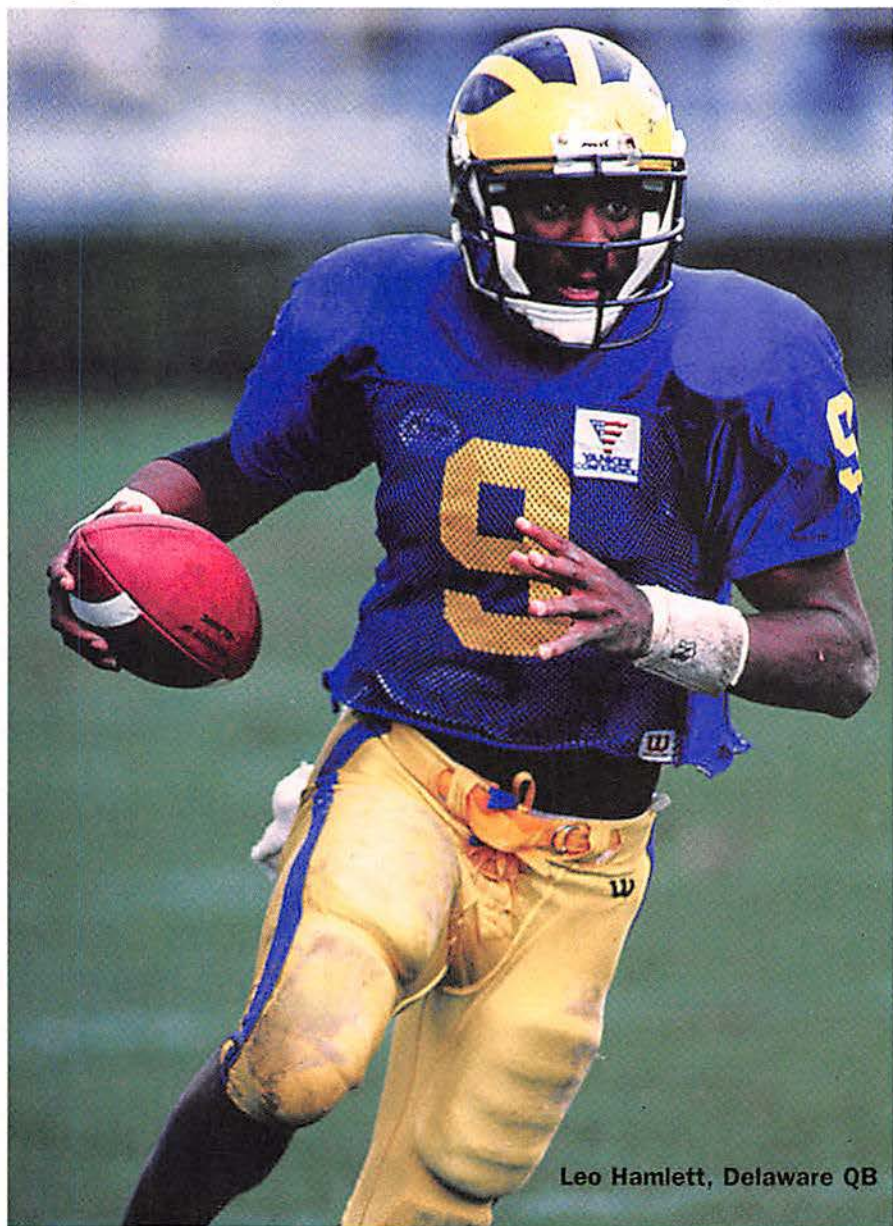
Six starters return on offense, including junior running back Dameian Vallery, a transfer from

Alabama who gained 984 yards last year as a part-time starter while Leonard Harris was injured.

Mike Quinn has been the Lumberjacks' backup quarterback for three years. "I think he'll be the surprise player in I-AA," says coach John Pearce. "He was fifth in Southland passing last season and wasn't even our starter."

Troy State (11-1) went undefeated in its last year as a I-AA independent before losing to Georgia Southern in the first round of the playoffs. Coach Larry Blakeney's Trojans lost seven starters on offense. Stan Davis, a fifth-year senior, will be the quarterback.

Murray State (11-1) of the Ohio Valley Conference turned the division upside down with its remarkable season after years of futility. It didn't take coach Houston Nutt long to get the Racers



Leo Hamlett, Delaware QB

Bill Wood



back on track after a 2-9 campaign in '92 before leading them to an undefeated regular season.

All-America tailback Derrick Cullors has departed, but senior quarterback Mike Cherry returns.

"Mike did a great job leading our team," Nutt says. "He's very smart."

Senior tailback Dave McCann leads a strong stable of runners, including Tim Scarborough, Tony Turner and Steve Cheirs, and a couple of transfers. Nutt points out that Cullors, from Texas A&M, wasn't signed until June 1, 1995. "And this is probably the strongest offensive line we've had," Nutt says.

Eastern Kentucky (9-3) lost 19 seniors. Greg Couch, who started as a redshirt freshman but lost out to I-A transfers John Sacca and Tommy Luginbill, should be the quarterback in his senior year.

A solid linebacking corps of senior Tony McCombs and juniors Britt Bowen and Victor Hyland anchors the Eastern Kentucky defense. Kidd, whose teams have made 16 appearances in the 18 years of the playoffs, has recruited speed in the secondary.

Delaware, defending Yankee Conference champions, returns Walter Payton Award candidate Leo Hamlett, a senior who, as conference Offensive Player of the Year, threw for 2,086 yards and 16 touchdowns, and ran for 756 yards and 10 scores.

"He's quite capable of doing it all," coach Tubby Raymond says. "Look at his numbers."

The Blue Hens (11-2) also return running back Norman Coleman, a senior, and wide receiver Courtney Batts, a junior. Senior tackle Chris Kumpon (6-4, 283) and senior guard Lynn Pyne (6-2, 253) anchor the offensive front.

William and Mary will challenge Delaware. The Tribe (7-4) loses its two best runners, but most of the top players return on defense. Defensive Player of the Year Jason Miller is gone, but senior linebacker Stefan Moody and Yankee Conference interception leader Darren Sharper, a senior free safety, are back.

Rookie of the Year Tory Taylor, second in Yankee rushing, figures to help Connecticut (8-3) contend again this fall. Junior Brad Keatley, the Huskies' leading tackler, also returns.

Rhode Island, picked last, went unbeaten in the

New England Division en route to a 7-4 record. Senior quarterback Chris Hixon, All-Yankee third team, is back. So is senior Cy Butler, a third-team wide receiver but first-team return specialist with three punt returns for touchdowns.

The Yankee Conference had five teams in the final regular-season Top 25, but only two, Delaware and James Madison, made the playoffs. That could change.

Northern Iowa (8-5) won its sixth consecutive Gateway Conference crown, sharing the title with Eastern Illinois (10-2), which has moved on to the Ohio Valley Conference.

Coach Terry Allen's Panthers lose quarterback Chris Berg from last fall's playoff quarterfinalist squad but returns three of its top four rushers: senior Jeff Stovall, sophomore Lance Hall and junior James Porter. Junior tackle Chris Clapp (6-4, 256) is the top returnee on the offensive front.

On defense, the Northern Iowa secondary returns along with three of four linebackers but only one lineman. Senior linebackers Danny Spann and Tim Miller and sophomore cornerback Tyree Talton are the top Panther defenders.

Southwest Missouri State (4-7) and Illinois State (5-6) could offer the most serious challenges to Northern Iowa in the Gateway Conference. Southern Illinois improved from 1-10 to 5-6 last fall.

Florida A&M (9-3) was a young team when it won the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference last year. The Rattlers return senior

quarterback Damian Slaughter, an All-MEAC honorable mention.

The Ivy League almost had a four-way tie for the title last fall, but Princeton (8-1-1) won the crown outright in the final two seconds of the season. The Tigers could repeat with senior running back Marc Washington leading the way. All-Ivy quarterback Jason McCullough, a junior, will lead Brown (5-5), which returns seven defensive starters.

Bucknell (7-4) and Lehigh (8-3) will contend for the Patriot League crown. Bucknell senior tailback Rich Lemon could become the first Division I-AA runner to exceed 1,000 yards in four consecutive seasons. The Patriot League hopes to be represented in the I-AA playoffs this fall. **A**

## Division I-AA Top 20

1. Marshall
2. Delaware
3. Murray State
4. Montana
5. McNeese State
6. Appalachian State
7. Stephen F. Austin
8. Northern Iowa
9. William and Mary
10. Rhode Island
11. Southern
12. Eastern Kentucky
13. Youngstown State
14. Troy State
15. Georgia Southern
16. Northern Arizona
17. Florida A&M
18. Middle Tennessee
19. Grambling
20. Southwest Missouri

**Several teams will have their say about who winds up in Huntington, W.Va., for the Division I-AA title game, including perennial powers Marshall and Youngstown State, defending champion Montana, Murray State, Northern Iowa and McNeese State, to name but a few.**



## North Alabama Sets Sights on 'Four-peat'

**B**obby Wallace learned a few years ago how to alleviate pressure on his North Alabama Lions.

"We talk about being the best we can be, whether we're national champions or not," the coach says. "The players believe in that now and they're not hard to motivate."

And Division II national titles keep piling up year after year.

This fall, North Alabama will attempt what no NCAA scholarship football team has done, at least since 1936 — win four consecutive national championships.

"We lost some good players but we have a lot coming back," Wallace says. His Lions enter the season on a roll: 41 straight victories against Division II schools. They're the only school at any level to win 40 games (41-1) in three years.

The quarterback will be new, probably either Charles Hogan or Demetrea Shelton, both juniors. Leading rusher A.J. Lamar, a senior fullback, and senior tailback Jermaine Roberts return along with senior receiver Michael Edwards.

"And the offensive line is bigger and stronger than it's ever been," Wallace says.

North Alabama lost its three linebackers, including Harlon Hill Trophy winner Ronald McKinnon, the first defensive standout to earn Division II Player of the Year in the 10-year history of the award.

Senior Kenny Loftin, the Lions' leading tackler in 1991 who left school, played well after returning last year. Michael Moncrief, a junior college transfer, is expected to be the middle linebacker. Senior cornerback Gerald Smith leads four starters from the 1995 secondary. Junior Reginald Ruffin (5-11, 230) and senior Tony Middlebrooks (6-1, 280) anchor the defensive line.

"Last year's team never got complacent and improved as the season went on," Wallace says. "I think this group can do the same thing. Once you start winning and building the tradition, the expectations keep you at a certain level."

Other Division II schools have great expectations of knocking North Alabama off the throne.

Texas A&M-Kingsville (11-2) will take another shot at the Lions after losing in overtime to Pittsburg (Kan.) State in last year's playoff semifinals.

"We'll be a better team," Javelinas coach Ron Harms says, despite significant losses on the offensive line, at receiver and in the linebacking corps. He is confident replacements will play well.

Junior Oktay Basci was the new Kingsville quarterback last fall, and he was voted All-Lone Star Conference. Junior Othall Robinson and junior college transfer Ricky Stacey will compete for the job. Seniors Larry Young and Norman Miller lead a deep contingent at running back.

Harms expects the Javelinas' defensive front to be better, thanks to junior David Alsip (6-3, 255), who can play anywhere on the line, according to the coach. Kingsville also will be strong in the secondary and at outside linebacker.

Pittsburg State (12-1-1) was trounced by North Alabama 27-7 in last year's Division II Championship Game. Chuck Broyles (69-8-2 at his alma mater) figures his Gorillas again will be a power.

Pittsburg State lost quarterback Jeff Moreland, three-time All-America safety Chris Brown, its top pair of running backs and two inside linebackers.

But senior offensive tackle Bob Goltra, a transfer from Kansas, returns to anchor the line and help protect the quarterback candidates, junior J.J. Dalton and sophomore Zack Siegrist.

The defensive front is experienced and led by senior end Anthony Randle (6-2, 255). Sophomores Chad Webb (6-0, 265) and Ben Peterson (6-1, 255) played quite a bit as rookies.

Fifteen starters return to coach Tony Sparano at New Haven (10-1-1), which has been undefeated in three of the last four regular seasons. "Broadening our recruiting base (as far as the West Coast) has helped," he says.

Senior quarterback Jesse Showerda returns after throwing 22 touchdown passes. Receivers Aaron Gagnon (junior) and Tyrone Seabrooks (senior) are the main targets.

"The nice thing is that we return our entire

offensive line," Sparano says. "They average 6-3 and 290 pounds."

The Chargers also return their defensive front, including junior end Chris Powanda (6-2, 215, 4.5 sacks) and senior tackle Rob Hubbell (6-1, 280, 6.5 sacks). Senior linebacker Brian Oliver should be a preseason All-America candidate, according to his coach. Junior linebacker Shane McNeeley made 98 tackles last fall.

North Dakota State (10-3) figures to remain a playoff fixture under coach Rocky Hager.

The Bison will return a backfield led by sophomore quarterback Kevin Feeney and sophomore tailback Reggie Scott, the first freshman in school history to surpass 1,000 rushing yards.

Seven starters return on defense. Junior free safety Mikel Kallenbach does the "quarterbacking" on defense and makes a lot of plays, according to Hager. Junior linebacker Sean Fredericks and senior end Kris Kortuem (6-4, 260) are standouts.

### DIVISION II Predicted Order of Finish

1. North Alabama
2. Texas A&M-Kingsville
3. Pittsburg (Kan.) State
4. New Haven
5. Fort Hays (Kan.) State
6. North Dakota State
7. Indiana (Pa.)
8. Valdosta State
9. Edinboro
10. East Texas State



# Road to Title Runs Through Mount Union

**V**irtual reality in NCAA Division III is this: To win the national championship you must beat Mount Union. When Wisconsin-La Crosse met the Purple Raiders in last year's playoff semifinals, the Eagles won 20-17.

A week later, Wisconsin-La Crosse defeated Rowan, N.J., 36-7 for its second Division III crown in four years.

Eagles coach Roger Harring credits a physical and deep defense for the championship, along with quarterback Craig Kusick. Nine starters return on defense this fall, but Kusick will be in an NFL camp, Harring says, as the Eagles try to repeat.

The La Crosse quarterback will come from among sophomore Mike Scheurer, senior Ryan Antony or junior Jeff Baker. Junior running back John Barrett will be the "go-to guy," Harring says. Academic All-American Troy Harcey is the main target at wide receiver. Senior guard Erik Halverson (6-2, 310) and center Chris Schultz (5-11, 280) anchor the offensive line.

Senior linebacker Mike Maslowski (6-3, 245) is an All-America candidate, and senior Mike Ivey (6-6, 275) leads a huge defensive line.

"We have enough ability to be there (in the playoffs) again," Harring says.

But Mount Union figures to be waiting along the way. The Purple Raiders have the best winning percentage in college football in the 1990s: 66-6-1 (91.1 percent). They have made seven playoff appearances since 1985, winning it all in '93 and losing to the eventual champion the other six times.

"We return a good group of players," Mount Union coach Larry Kehres says, "but if you have one loss, you're not a good bet to make the playoffs."

Mount Union (12-1) is stocked with returning starters. Junior quarterback Bill Borchert is back. "He's an accurate passer and led the division in passing efficiency," Kehres says. "He keeps turnovers to a minimum and is a good leader."

Senior tackle Josh Weber (6-3, 230) leads four returning offensive linemen and two tight ends. Senior Eric Brock and juniors Steve Evans and

Mark Lantos, the top runners, also return. Senior cornerback Sean Moore and an intact linebacking corps anchor the defense.

"We could be in the hunt again," says Rowan coach K.C. Keeler of his 1995 finalists (10-3-1), who made their second trip to the title game in three years. "Two things happen after that kind of season. The players think the next year automatically will be the same or they realize how special it was and work hard to do it again."

Junior quarterback Greg Lister returns along with four tailbacks and two fullbacks, including senior fullback Aaron Bosco. Senior center Marc DiBartolomeo (5-11, 265) leads three returning starters on the offensive front.

Keeler thinks junior tackle Jose Gonzalez (6-0, 320) is "the best defensive lineman in the country. Most people try to tackle him because they can't block him. He is so quick off the ball." Senior Andrew Hyde will be a four-year starter at outside linebacker. The Profs' secondary also returns.

Washington & Jefferson (10-1) graduated 23 seniors, but coach John Luckhardt expects the Presidents to be competitive because several skill players return.

Senior quarterback Jason Baer holds a multitude of school records. He also may be in medical school this fall. If so, sophomore Brad O'Malley, a transfer from Penn State, will step in after a backup role last season.

The Presidents also are deep in the backfield with their top five runners returning, including senior Jake Williams and sophomore Jason Barr.

Washington & Jefferson, which has made the playoffs 10 times under Luckhardt, including every year in the '90s, returns five of its front seven on defense. Senior Dan Primrose (6-1, 274) should be a preseason All-America nose tackle, his coach says.

The Presidents open against '95 playoff participants Emory & Henry and Buffalo State. Senior quarterback Neal Weidman already has obliterated the passing section in Ithaca's record book, and the Bombers (5-4) should get back in the playoff hunt.

Wittenberg (10-1) returns senior quarterback Mike Donnelly, third in passing efficiency in the division, while senior quarterback Lon Erickson will again guide Illinois Wesleyan (6-3). The Titans dropped their first two games last fall and fell from playoff contention.

Augustana (6-3) lost all-time leading rusher Scott Tumilty, but junior wingback Thomas Cole is ready to step in for the Vikings. Junior defensive back Chris Timmons is an all-conference returnee.

Central Iowa (10-1) gave coach Ron Schipper a 12th trip to the playoffs. Schipper graduated 32 seniors but welcomes back Mark Kacmarynski. A preseason Player of the Year candidate last fall, the senior tailback broke his leg in the third game. He has gained more than 4,000 yards in his career.

Albion, the '94 champion, returns 15 starters from an 8-1 team. The Britons will be strong at linebacker and in the secondary, and talented in the offensive backfield and receiving corps. Senior free safety David Lefere is a two-time All-American with 19 career interceptions.

## DIVISION III Predicted Order of Finish

1. Mount Union
2. Wisconsin-La Crosse
3. Washington & Jefferson
4. Rowan
5. Wisconsin-River Falls
6. Wittenberg
7. Central (Iowa)
8. Emory & Henry
9. Buffalo State
10. Albion



# extra**points**

by TIM KEOWN  
San Francisco Chronicle



**It started with a wild prediction that came true, and it ended with a previously unthinkable trip to the Rose Bowl. In between, the Northwestern Wildcats became the story of the year in college football.**

The Wildcats' surge to a 10-1 regular season and their first Rose Bowl appearance since 1949 obscured everything else in college football in 1995. It was a welcome and wholly unexpected intrusion onto the national scene, especially when the major story to come out of the camp of Nebraska, the two-time national champions, concerned a tailback, a former girlfriend and three flights of stairs.

The unexpected part was the best part. In August, *Sports Illustrated* rated Northwestern as the 79th best team in the country. Assessing the Wildcats, *SI* wrote, "Ominous sign: Wildcats' best player is punter Paul Burton."

In the weeks leading up to the Rose Bowl, the university's voice-mail system broke under the weight of ticket requests. The campus bookstore had to install new cash registers to keep up with the demand for purple paraphernalia.

And coach Gary Barnett, who had never had a winning record as a head coach, used his self-deprecating sense of humor to become a national figure.

"We're living proof that history does eventually repeat itself," he said.

Before the Wildcats' season-opening win at Notre Dame, Barnett stood in front of his players and made this now-famous request/prediction: "Don't carry me across the field when we win."

Barnett would later downplay that quote, saying the statement was a reference to his fear of heights.

By fall's end, nobody would have believed him.

It was indeed an unusual season. To illustrate that, more strange, novel and memorable happenings follow.



### worst performance in a rout

On the final play of the Grambling-Prairie View game on Sept. 30, Grambling's Chiron Applewhite scored a two-point conversion on a fake kick. Applewhite decided to take it upon himself to finish the game with a flourish.

The conversion meant Grambling won the game against a team that has lost 57 straight, 64-0.

### best performance by a coach

Michigan, leading 23-13, had the ball at the Boston College 3-yard line with seconds left when Wolverine coach Lloyd Carr ordered quarterback Brian Griese to fall on the ball.

Michigan could have enhanced its standing in the polls with a meaningless touchdown, but Carr defended his sportsmanship by saying lopsided scores in college football have become "sickening" and "an indictment to our profession."

### throwing good money after BAD

Heisman hype reached new levels last year, as it seems to do every year.

One of the more aggressive — and ultimately unsuccessful — campaigns was run out of College Station, Texas, where the folks at Texas A&M pulled out all the stops for running back Leeland McElroy.

The university printed up 20,000 McElroy postcards and produced 250 McElroy videotapes for distribution to the 921 Heisman voters. And, in what might be a first, the school set up a McElroy home page on the Internet.

In Minnesota, they spent \$10,000 to publicize running back Chris Darkins. They sent out "Hype Cards" to 1,700 coaches and media members with the inscription, "No matter how hard you slam Chris Darkins, he always lands right side up."

This year, expect the hype to center around quarterbacks Peyton Manning of Tennessee and Danny Wuerffel of Florida.

### lose some, win some

Texas A&M sports information director Alan Cannon is a hero in some circles of college football. Cannon, more than anything, proved that it is possible to blur the line between success and failure.

It was Cannon who blitzed the nation with the aforementioned campaign to get tailback Leeland McElroy the Heisman Trophy. And while McElroy didn't win, Cannon did.

Cannon won the Hypesman Award, given annually since 1990 by the Dead Sports Information Directors Society. Although he sent out the 'lectric Leeland postcards and the highlight videos, the move that sent Cannon over the top was the McElroy home page on the World Wide Web.

As you might have guessed, Cannon was the unanimous winner, the first unanimous winner in Hypesman history.

As one Hypesman voter said, "Cannon made a wrong turn on the Information Super Highway and ended up in a cul-de-sac."

### one reason to keep your social security number to yourself

The most embarrassing event of the season occurred at the University of Texas, which found out one of its special teams players wasn't who the Longhorns thought he was.

Ron Weaver, a 30-year-old former defensive back at Sacramento State University, became 23-year-old Ron McKelvey with the help of the Social Security number of an acquaintance from Salinas, Calif.

Weaver used his new identity to play two years at Los Angeles' Pierce Junior College and then one more at Texas.

"My lifelong dream was to play football and I wanted it to last forever," Weaver said after his identity was revealed.

### padding the schedule, padding the stats

In Colorado's 66-14 win over Northeast Louisiana, quarterback Koy Detmer threw for 426 yards in just slightly more than two quarters.

### the importance of having played the game

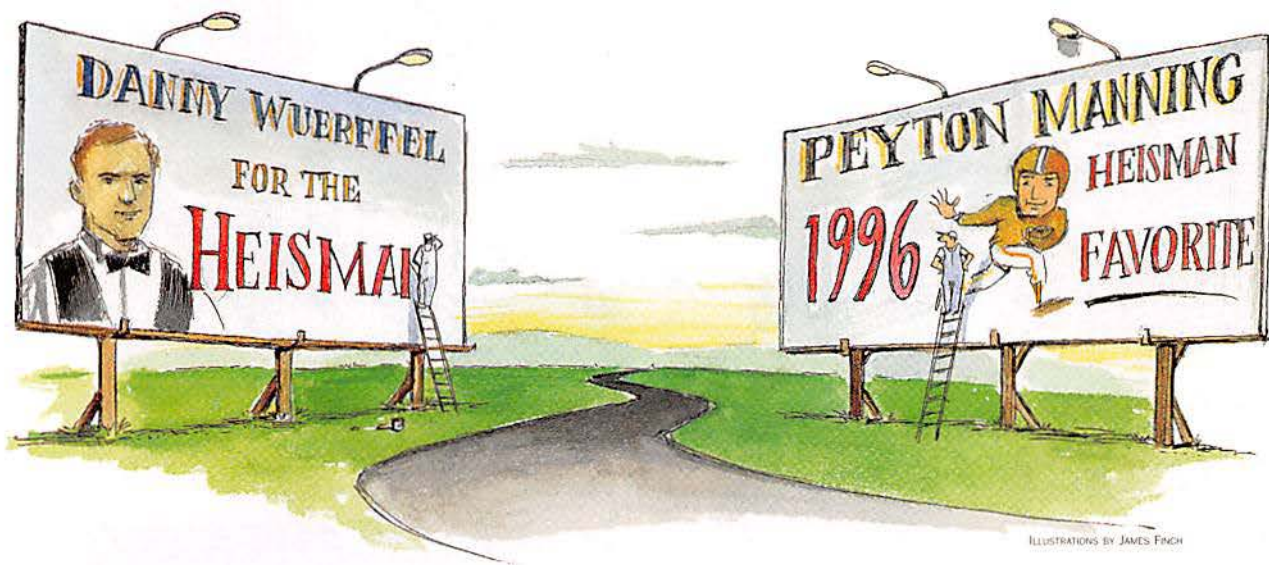
Coaches often find themselves backed into a corner by unsolicited advice/criticism from local newspaper writers. And, like most coaches, UNLV coach Jeff Horton responded by telling the writers what most coaches tell writers: They aren't in a position to critique because they never played the game.

The UNLV media guide described Horton as being a three-year letterman as a wide receiver at Arkansas. That sounds good, but the Arkansas sports information department said it wasn't true.

Faced with the evidence, Horton said, "I never lettered. I walked on and was on the junior varsity team most of the time. What little action I saw was very limited. I tore up my knee in practice. OK, we'll take out the part in the media guide about being a letter-winner."

### best single-game performances

- Kentucky running back Moe Williams had 429 all-purpose yards (299 rushing, 57 receiving and 73 on kick returns) in a 35-30 win over South Carolina.
- Texas Tech linebacker Zach Thomas made 13 tackles, recovered a fumble and returned an interception 23 yards for the winning touchdown in the Red Raiders' 14-7 upset win over Texas A&M.
- South Carolina quarterback Steve Taneyhill completed 38-of-44 passes for 473 yards and three touchdowns in a 65-39 win over Mississippi State.
- UCLA running back Karim Abdul-Jabbar rushed for 261 yards on 42 carries and scored four touchdowns in a 42-28 win over Stanford.



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• Ohio State tailback Eddie George ran for 314 yards on 36 carries and scored three touchdowns in a 41-3 win over Illinois.

### the first hint that nobody cares

Arizona governor Fife Symington filed for bankruptcy on Sept. 20, and shortly afterward, his four season tickets to Arizona State football games were put up for auction by the state.

The auction was attended by 13 journalists and one woman who refused to identify herself. Nobody bid on the tickets, and they were subsequently given to charity.

### the devil, part one

Utah State rookie coach John L. Smith began using the middle initial of his name when he was the defensive coordinator at Idaho in 1982. He refuses to divulge what the L stands for, but he says he employs the initial to separate himself from the other John Smiths of the world.

The Utah State players decided to help Smith come clean on the name.

After enduring Smith's rugged fall practices, the Aggies selected freshman offensive lineman Ben Holbrook to deliver the news to Smith.

"Coach, I have something to tell you, but please don't hold it against me," Holbrook said. "The guys have decided that your middle name must be 'Lucifer.'"

### when winning is the hardest thing

Nebraska coach Tom Osborne was criticized far and wide for his decision to reinstate running back Lawrence Phillips following Phillips' arrest for assaulting a former girlfriend.

Most observers believed Osborne made his decision based on his desire to win a second straight national title. In his own defense, Osborne said reinstating Phillips was the most difficult choice he and the university could make.

"I don't think that the university or the football program has done what is the easy thing," Osborne said. "The easy thing would have been to dismiss him, probably permanently. But basically, after examining all of the factors involved, many of which you will never be privy to, and shouldn't be, we simply didn't feel it was the right thing to do."

"So we tried to do what was the right thing, the best thing for Lawrence Phillips, the victim and other people that Lawrence Phillips will come in contact with throughout his lifetime."

### the devil, part two

Florida State quarterback Dan Kendra, who spent last season as a red-shirt, is building a legend around his work ethic.

For one thing, he decided to break the team's leg-press record, which was held by for-

mer center Robbie Baker, who pressed 1,200 pounds in 1990. In order to get all the weights on the machine, the team's weight coaches had to tape them on.

When they finished, with weights filling every available space, Kendra sat down and prepared to push 1,335 pounds.

He did it, and the stress of the effort popped blood vessels in both of his eyes. The following week, as he walked to class, a fellow student asked Kendra what happened.

"I saw the devil," Kendra said.

### learning from others' mistakes

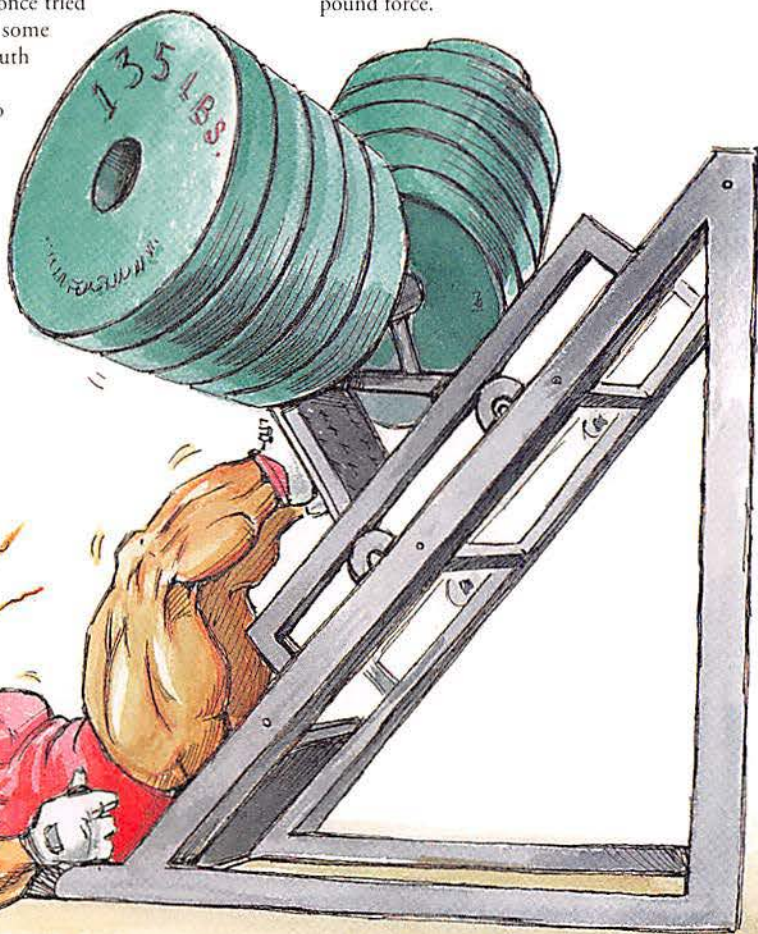
Two quarterbacks who learned the most from Heath Shuler and decided to stay in college: Danny Wuerffel, Florida; Peyton Manning, Tennessee.

### he never liked science

Iowa State running back Troy Davis had never seen snow before he arrived on the Ames campus in the fall of 1994. Then he spent the season watching more than playing, and he decided he might not want to see snow — or Iowa — again.

Instead of transferring, Davis stuck around and became an All-American. He also became comfortable enough with snow to admit the following: During his first year at Iowa State, he once tried to transport some snow to South Florida.

"I tried to take some home with me in a glass," he said, "but it turned to water pretty quick on the plane."



### everybody's all-american

The most inspirational player in college football didn't play much, didn't make any All-American teams and won't play in the NFL.

But his story makes those accomplishments pale in comparison.

On May 14, 1988, Harold Dennis suffered third-degree burns over much of his body in a bus accident near Carrollton, Ky. Twenty-seven members of the First Assembly of God youth group were killed in the accident.

Seven years later, Dennis was a backup special teams player and a part-time wide receiver for the Kentucky Wildcats.

### changing fates

In the Ivy League, Columbia became known for something nobody could have imagined: Breaking a winning streak.

The Lions, remembered most for their record string of ineptitude (44 straight losses from 1983-88), turned the tables on Penn by ending the Quakers' 24-game winning streak with a 24-14 victory.

Coach Ray Toller found many obstacles on the road to respectability. The biggest, not surprisingly, was recruiting. Toller said a good number of potential recruits never get Columbia's letters, because their mothers throw them away when they see the return address of New York City.

Typical of the Lions is All-Ivy linebacker Rory Wilfork, who came to Columbia as a 6-foot, 185-pound weakling and left as a 6-2, 228-pound force.



"Even the kickers were outlitting me when I got here," Wilfork says.

## more than no. 1 vs. no. 2

The Fiesta Bowl matchup between No. 1 Nebraska and No. 2 Florida provided an almost fictional juxtaposition of teams, philosophies and — maybe most of all — coaches.

Nebraska's Tom Osborne borders on invisibility. He is perhaps the only coach in America who can routinely run up scores in the 50s and 60s and not engender the disgust of his peers.

Florida's Steve Spurrier is a confident, fiery coach who prefers to stand in front of his team rather than within the ranks. He has irritated opposing coaches on more than one occasion with his unapologetic manner.

Asked to describe his offense, Osborne said, "Oh, you know, we run up the middle, pass every 10 plays."

Asked about his team's kicking game, Spurrier said, "Field goals? We don't kick many of those."

## anyone recognize this coach?

It started with a 42-yard touchdown pass in the final minute of a blowout win, and it ended up as perhaps the first recorded jab at the character of a legendary coach.

Penn State backup quarterback Mike McQueary threw the pass, which landed in Chris Campbell's hands to give the Nittany Lions a meaningless touchdown and a 59-34 win over Rutgers.

After the game, Rutgers coach Doug Graber confronted the eternal god of East Coast football, telling him, "I didn't think you played that way."

Paterno initially responded with an angry retort but later said Graber "has a right to be upset."

Graber accepted Paterno's second comment as an apology. The crisis was averted and the legend remained intact.

## needed: one ice pack

Some of the most incredible passing numbers of the season were amassed by Wake Forest quarterback Rusty Larue, who is without a doubt the busiest athlete in America.

Larue was a pivotal part of the Demon Deacons' highly ranked basketball team as a shooting guard, and he was the No. 1 starting pitcher on the baseball team. Just to round out his schedule, Larue has a 4.0 grade-point average, is married and has a son.

But it was on the football field that Larue distinguished himself.

Against Duke, Larue had a mind-boggling afternoon, even though the Demon Deacons lost 42-26. Larue set several NCAA records by completing 55-of-78 passes for 464 yards and four touchdowns. In the second half alone, he completed 41-of-56 passes for 337 yards.

"I knew the pitch count was getting a little high," quipped Larue. "I thought they might have to bring in a reliever."



## top 5 quotes

1) "We don't want a damned asterisk behind it when we beat their ass."

Former Oklahoma coach Howard Schnellenberger, explaining why he wanted Colorado quarterback Koy Detmer to play against the Sooners.

2) "I take great joy in kicking anybody's asterisk."

Colorado coach Rick Neuheisel, after his Buffaloes defeated Oklahoma 38-17 in Norman — without Detmer.

3) "We're so close to winning, it's scary. With a break here or a break there, I can see us winning five of our last six games."

Prairie View senior offensive lineman Maurice McGowan, after his team lost to Grambling 64-0 in a record-setting 51st straight loss.

4) "I walked into the first team meeting expecting the substitute teacher. Instead, I got the principal."

Stanford safety Eliel Swinton, describing first-year coach Tyrone Willingham, who took over for Bill Walsh.

5) "He's still just a little fella. We're going to run plays for him designed to keep him alive just a little while longer."

Florida State coach Bobby Bowden, explaining why he limits the carries of 185-pound tailback Warrick Dunn. **A**

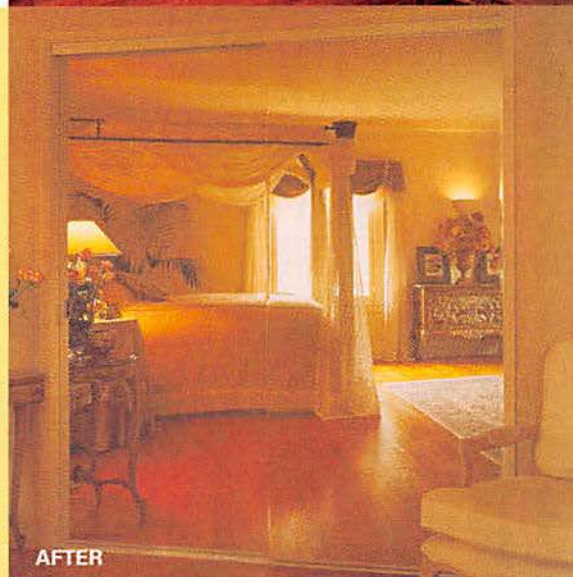
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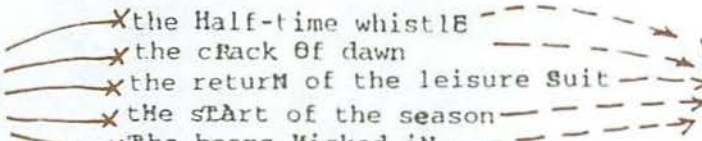


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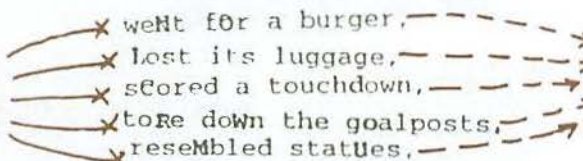
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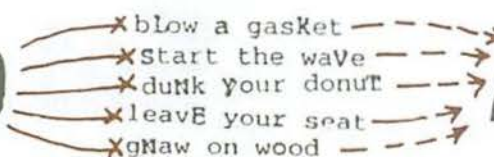
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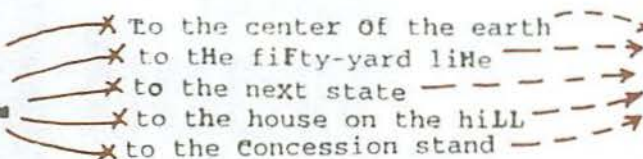
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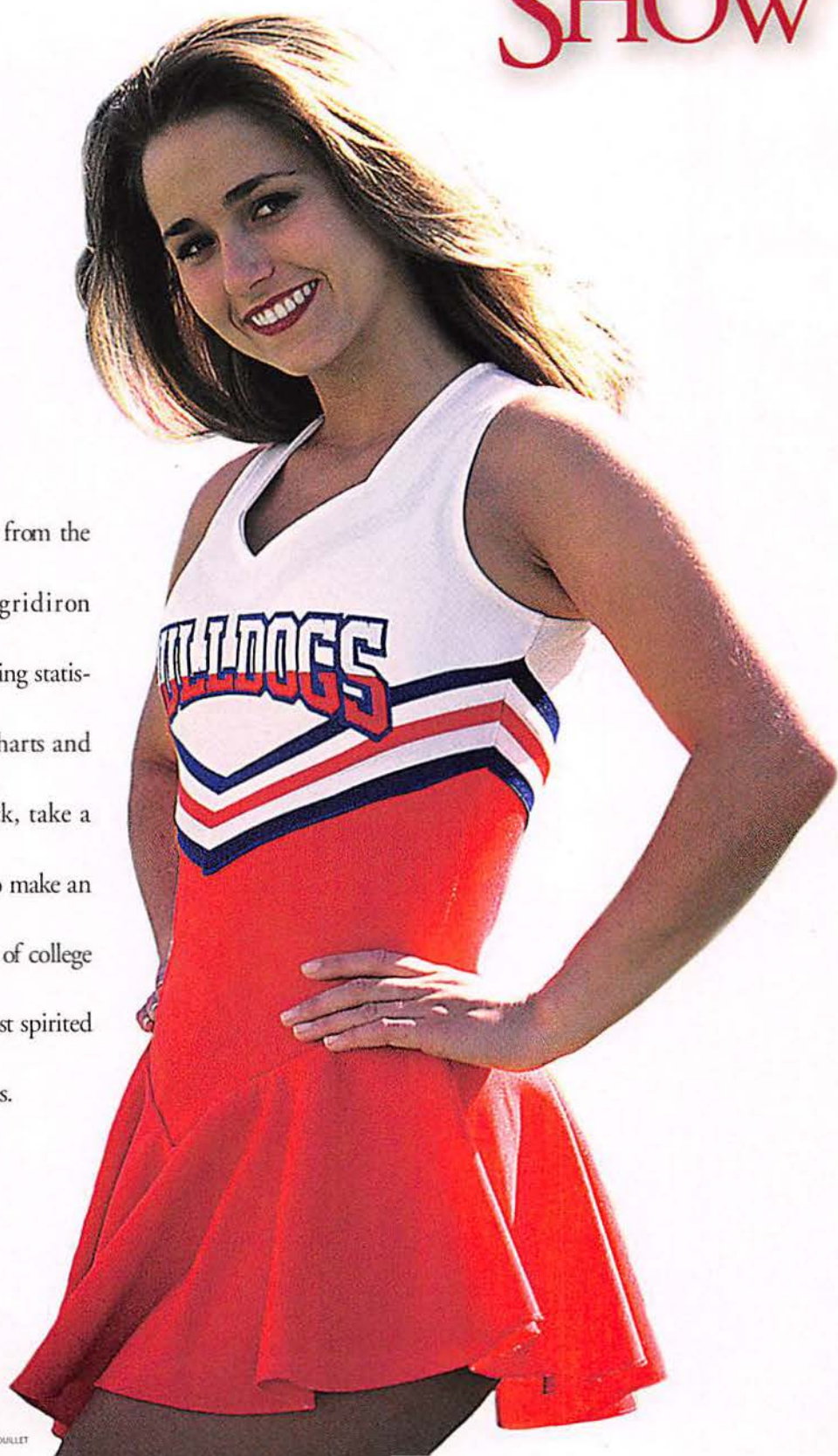


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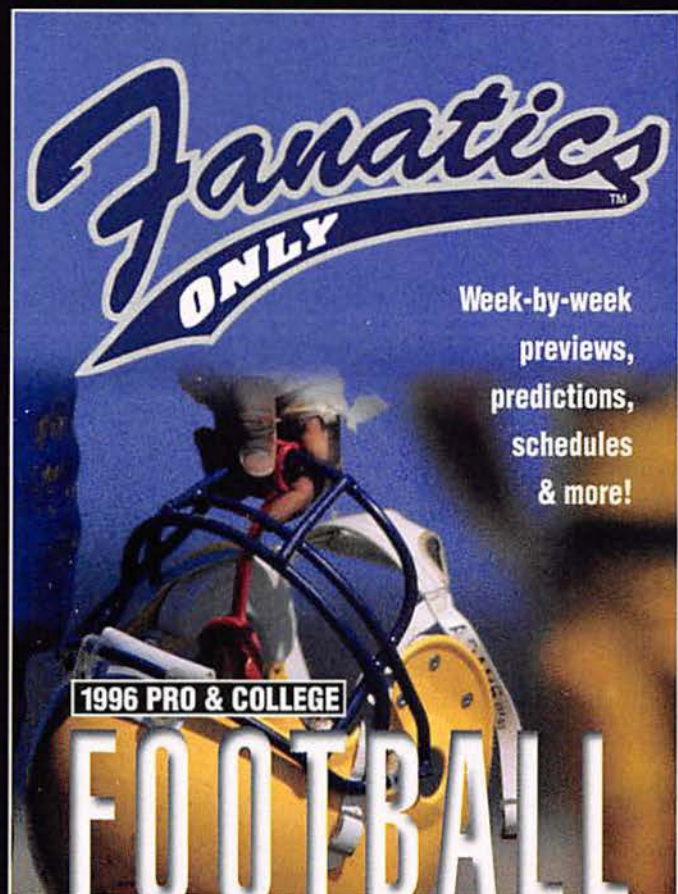
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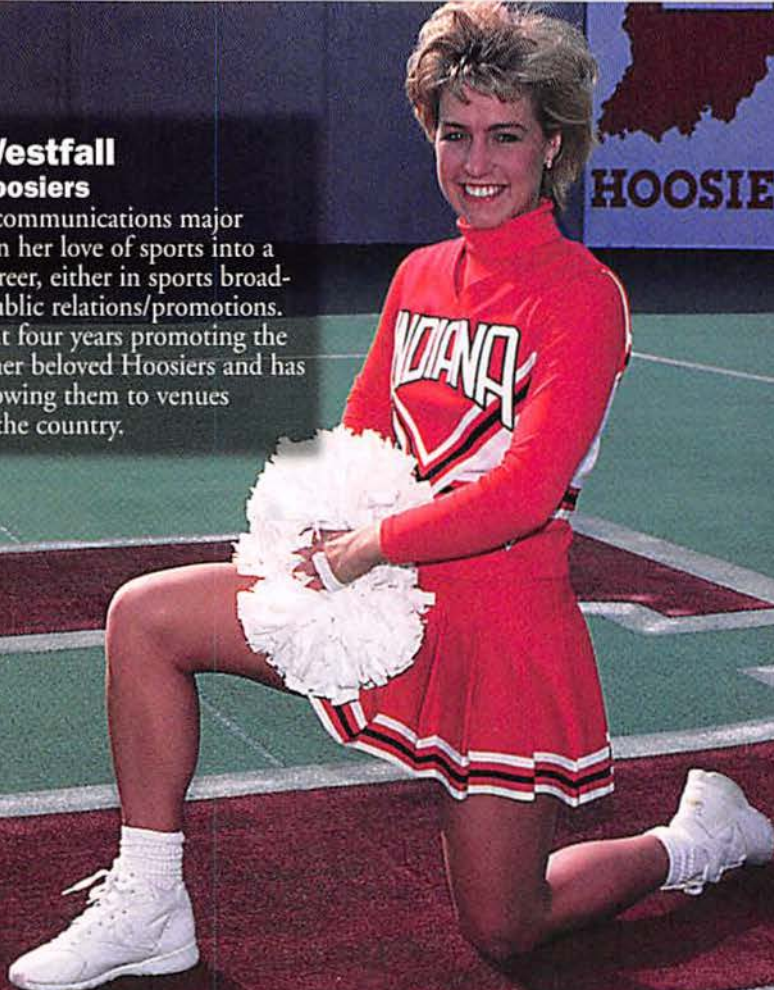
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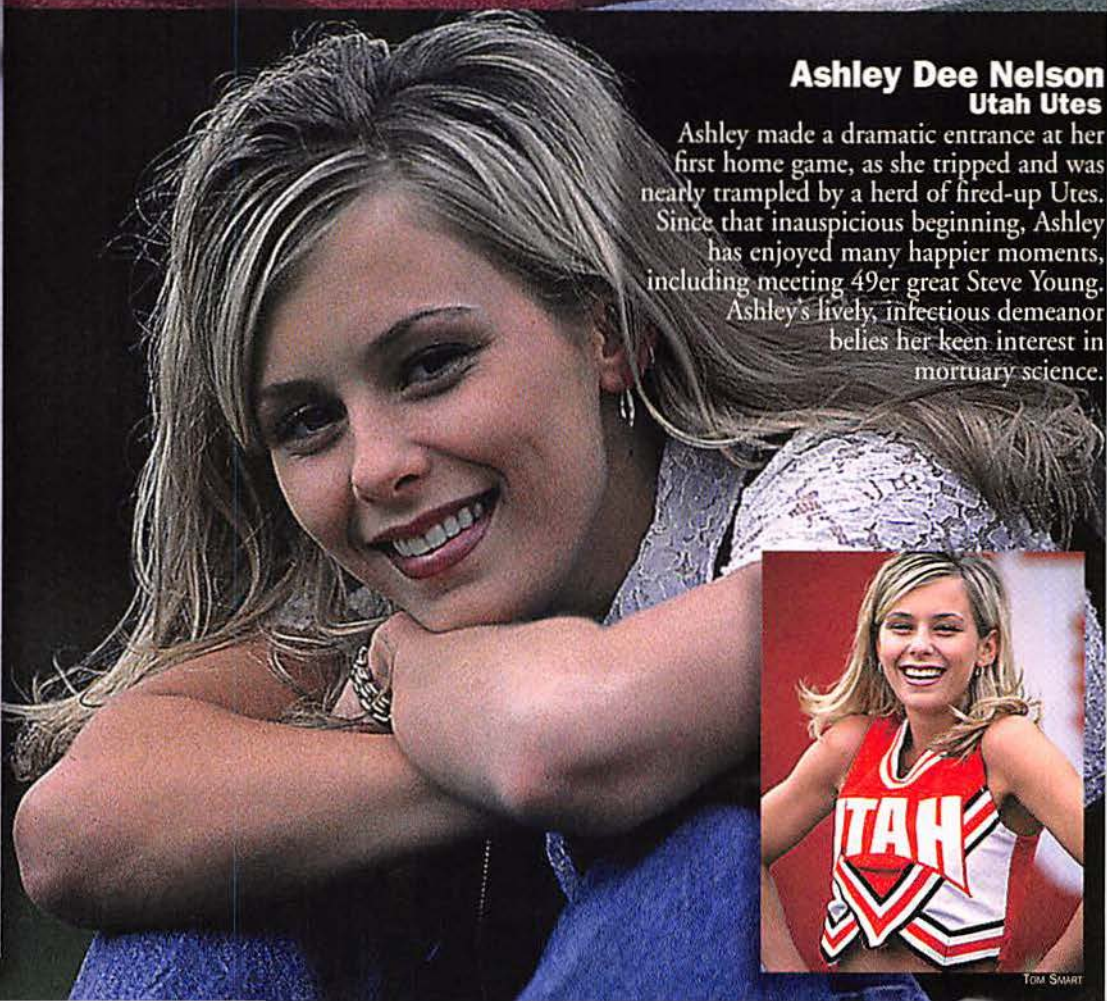
**Jamie Westfall**  
**Indiana Hoosiers**

This sports communications major hopes to turn her love of sports into a profitable career, either in sports broadcasting or public relations/promotions. She has spent four years promoting the interests of her beloved Hoosiers and has enjoyed following them to venues throughout the country.



**Ashley Dee Nelson**  
**Utah Utes**

Ashley made a dramatic entrance at her first home game, as she tripped and was nearly trampled by a herd of fired-up Utes. Since that inauspicious beginning, Ashley has enjoyed many happier moments, including meeting 49er great Steve Young. Ashley's lively, infectious demeanor belies her keen interest in mortuary science.





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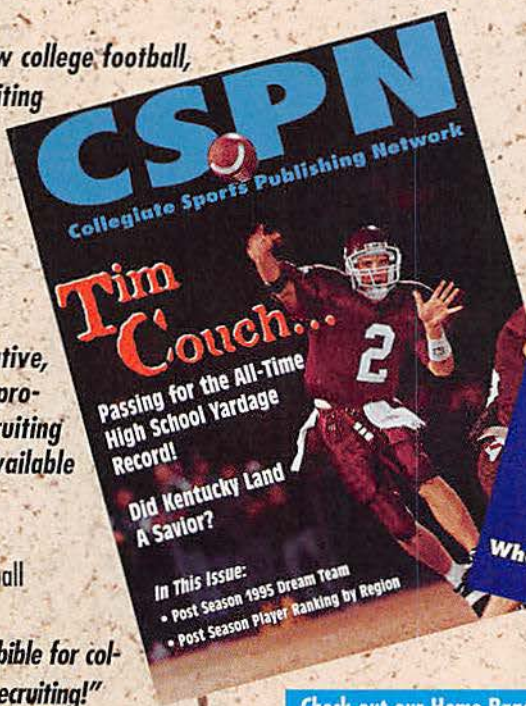
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1	QB TIM COUCH	6-5	210	HYDEN LESLIE CO., KY	KENTUCKY	54	RB CECIL COLLINS	5-10	200	LEESVILLE, LA	LSU
2	DL COURTNEY BROWN	6-6	230	MONCKS CORNER MACEDONIA, SC	PENN STATE	55	OL CHRIS VALLETTA	6-4	295	PLANO, TX	TEXAS A&M
3	OL TRAVIS CLARIDGE	6-6	300	FT. VANCOUVER, WA	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	56	WR DB QUINTON SPOTWOOD	5-11	175	ELIZABETH, NJ	SYRACUSE
4	WR LUCOREY COLLINS	6-4	208	OAKLAND SKYLINE, CA	OREGON	57	QB MIKE VAN RAAPHORST	6-5	215	LA MESA/HILX, CA	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
5	DL ERIC JEFFERSON	6-4	260	SHREVEPORT EVANGEL, LA	ILLINOIS	58	QB TAMARICE MARTIN	6-4	190	MOBILE WILLIAMSON, AL	TENNESSEE
6	DL DAMONE LEWIS	6-4	250	SULPHUR SPRINGS, TX	MIAMI	59	RB LAVERNEUS COLES	6-2	197	JACKSONVILLE RIBAUT, FL	FLORIDA STATE
7	RB PATRICK PASS	6-0	205	TUCKER, GA	GEORGIA	60	RB THOMAS JONES	6-0	189	BIG STONE GAP POWELL V., VA	VIRGINIA
8	QB QUINCY CARTER	6-3	203	DECATUR S.W. DUKALB, GA	GEORGIA TECH	61	WR RAKI NELSON	6-1	180	HARRISBURG/MCDONALD, PA	NOTRE DAME
9	LB ANDY KATZENMOYER	6-4	240	WESTERVILLE SOUTH, OH	OHIO STATE	62	OL BEN KOPP	6-4	295	NEW KENSINGTON VALLEY, PA	PITTSBURGH
10	DB DWAYNE GOODRICH	6-0	177	OAK LAWN/RICHARDS, IL	TENNESSEE	63	DE SHAUN ELLIS	6-5	230	ANDERSON/WESTSIDE, SC	TENNESSEE
11	OL JEFFERSON KELLEY	6-5	300	CINCINNATI/COLLEMAN, OH	OHIO STATE	64	LB FB JOE GOODSPEED	6-1	225	OSWEGO, IL	NOTRE DAME
12	WR PLAXICO BURRESS	6-6	210	VIRGINIA BEACH-GREEN RUN, VA	MICHIGAN STATE	65	DB TOMMY HENDRICKS, III	6-2	205	ALDINE EISENHOWER, TX	MICHIGAN
13	RB MICHAEL WILEY	6-0	182	SPRING VALLEY MONTE VISTA, CA	OHIO ST	66	DB WR GERALD GRIFFIN	6-2	170	MURFREESBORO RIVERDALE, TN	TENNESSEE
14	TE RUFUS FRENCH	6-5	224	AMORY, MS	MISSISSIPPI	67	ATH BRANDON DANIELS	6-0	180	ADA, OK	OKLAHOMA
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19	RB ELIJAH BURKINS	5-9	185	PORT ARTHUR/JEFFERSON, TX	BAYLOR	72	ATH AN MONTOSH	5-11	185	CHESHIRE, CT	SYRACUSE
20	QB ODELL JAMES	6-4	190	ALDINE/MARTHUR, TX	BAYLOR	73	DB RB GARY BERRY	6-1	200	COLUMBUS/D&S SALES OH	OHIO STATE
21	DL QUINCY HIPPS	6-4	235	TAMPA/CATHOLIC, FL	MIAMI	74	DL VAUGHN SMITH	6-3	275	OXON HILL/ILINOIS, MD	SYRACUSE
22	DB ROLAND BAILEY	6-1	171	FOLKSTON/CHARLTON CO., GA	GEORGIA	75	FB RON DAYNE	5-11	255	PINE HILL/ILINOIS OVERBROOK, NJ	WISCONSIN
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30	RB DB DAYMON CARROLL	5-11	180	NORRISTOWN, PA	FLORIDA	83	DL ENNIS DAVIS	6-5	295	RESEDA, CA	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
31	QB TIM HASSELBACK	6-2	196	WESTWOOD/XAVIER, MA	BOSTON COLLEGE	84	K SHAYNE GRAHAM	5-9	163	DUBLIN/PULASKI COUNTY, VA	VIRGINIA TECH
32	QB JASON KAPSNER	6-6	215	EDEN PRARIE, MN	MICHIGAN	85	ATH ORTEGE JENKINS	6-3	210	LONG BEACH/JORDAN, CA	ARIZONA
33	RB NICK GOINGS	6-0	195	DUBLIN/SCIOTO, OH	OHIO STATE	86	ATH JON MUYRES	6-3	185	LILBURN/PARKVIEW, GA	GEORGIA TECH
34	WR KENNETH DAVIS	6-0	185	HOUSTON-WASHINGTON, TX	HOUSTON	87	OL JEFF BACKUS	6-6	260	NORCROSS, GA	MICHIGAN
35	WR STAN GUYNES	6-3	175	LOS ALAMITOS, CA	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	88	TE STEVE COUGHLIN	6-5	225	ANSONIA, CT	STANFORD
36	OL MIKE COOK	6-5	285	WALPOLE, MA	BOSTON COLLEGE	89	K DAVID LEVANTON	6-4	200	MIDLAND, TX	TENNESSEE
37	OL ALCENDER JACKSON	6-4	310	MOSS POINT, MS	LSU	90	WR R. JAY SOWARD	5-11	165	FONTANA, CA	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
38	DL THADEUS BULLARD	6-5	247	LIVE OAK/SUWANNEE, FL	FLORIDA	91	TE MIKE SOLWOLD	6-6	228	ARROWHEAD, WI	WISCONSIN
39	LB GRADY BROOKS	6-2	220	DALLAS/LINCOLN, TX	MICHIGAN	92	OL JESSIE WARREN	6-4	250	DALLAS-CARTER, TX	COLORADO
40	LB CHRIS CLAIBORNE	6-4	225	RIVERSIDE/NORTH, CA	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	93	RB QB CURTIS WILLIAMS	5-10	180	FRESNO/BULLARD, CA	WASHINGTON
41	LB CHRIS EDWARDS	6-6	220	SANDERSVILLE WASH CO., GA	GEORGIA TECH	94	OL ZAC ZEDALIS	6-4	280	ALACHUA SANTA FE, FL	FLORIDA
42	QB RYAN KEALY	6-2	198	PHOENIX ST. MARYLANDS, AZ	ARIZONA STATE	95	OL CHAD WARD	6-6	310	KENNEWICK RIVERVIEW, WA	WASHINGTON
43	RB DEANGELO EVANS	5-10	210	WICHITA COLLEGIATE, KS	NEBRASKA	96	QB EARL HANFORD	6-3	215	MARTINSVILLE, IN	INDIANA
44	RB VERNON MAXWELL	6-3	205	MIDWEST CITY, OK	TENNESSEE	97	DB ANDRE KENDRICK	5-9	185	LYNCHBURG C. GLASS, VA	VIRGINIA TECH
45	TE DAN O'LEARY	6-5	230	CLEVELAND ST. IGNATIUS, OH	NOTRE DAME	98	PK WR JIM SANSON	5-11	185	PHOENIX ST. MARYLANDS, AZ	NOTRE DAME
46	DL MARCUS STROUD	6-6	290	QUITMAN/BROOKS CO., GA	GEORGIA	99	ATH BRYAN SMITH	6-4	205	TATUM, TX	ARKANSAS
47	QB TONY ZIMMERMAN	6-3	210	HARRISON CTY. P. TRIAFFORD, PA	PITTSBURGH	100	WR MARVIN MINNIS	6-1	165	MIAMI NORTHWESTERN, FL	FLORIDA STATE
48	DE ROBERT ADAMS	6-5	220	NARUNA/CAMPBELL, VA	VIRGINIA TECH						
49	DB SHAWN MCCORKEL	6-0	175	DOTHAN/NORTHVIEW, AL	FLORIDA STATE						
50	PK P COURTNEY LEAVITT	6-0	210	GERMANTOWN, TN	SOUTH CAROLINA						
51	ATH T.T. TOLIVER	6-0	165	DAYTONA BEACH MAINLAND, FL	CLEMSON						
52	ATH JOE DAWKINS	5-9	180	HACKENSACK, NJ	PENN STATE						
53	DL JASON CHING	6-4	265	HONOLULU/PUNAHOU, HI	NOTRE DAME						

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#### QUARTERBACKS

DYLA AQUINO	6-2	200	LOS ALTOS, CA	UCLA
DARNELL ARCENEUX	6-3	180	HONOLULU ST. LOUIS, HI	UTAH
JONATHAN BEASLEY	6-1	211	GENDALE/CACTUS, AZ	KANSAS STATE
MALIK CAMPBELL	6-4	195	BUFFALO/CARROLL, NY	MARYLAND
KEVIN CARTY	6-4	209	SOMERVILLE, NJ	NORTH CAROLINA
BRETT ENGEMANN	6-4	220	PROVO/TIMPVUE, UT	BYU
KENTON EVANS	6-4	180	MEMPHIS-WESTWOOD, TN	MEMPHIS
A.J. FEELEY	6-5	195	ONTARIO, OR	OREGON
KEVIN FETERIK	6-2	195	LOS ALAMITOS, CA	BYU
TERRY HESS	6-2	185	TEMISCAL CYN, CA	CALIFORNIA
DOUG JOHNSON	6-4	195	GAINESVILLE/BUCHOLZ, FL	FLORIDA
STEVE KELLY	6-4	195	BURLESON, TX	MIAMI
BEN LEARD	6-4	215	HARTWELL/HART CO., GA	AUBURN
CHRIS SANDERS	6-1	205	FLOWER MOUND/MARCUS, TX	SMU
CLINT STODERER	6-2	195	BAYTOWN/LEE, TX	ARKANSAS
MIKE USRY	6-4	209	TALLAHASSEE N. FL. CHRISTIAN, FL	GEORGIA
JASON VAUGHAN	6-3	190	ATLANTA/SPRINGS, GA	MISSISSIPPI

#### RUNNING BACKS

DANIEL ALEXANDER	6-2	230	WENTZVILLE, MO	NEBRASKA
DAMONE BOONE	5-9	175	SPRINGFIELD WEST SPRINGFIELD, VA	MARYLAND
KEITH BROWN	6-0	205	PHOENIX/MT. POINT, AZ	UCLA

ARLAND BRUCE	5-10	175	OLATHE/NORTH, KS	KANSAS
CULLEN BRYANT, JR.	6-4	225	GERMANTOWN/HOUSTON, TN	PURDUE
DARRELL BUSH	5-10	180	JERSEY VILLAGE/SAGE, TX	BAYLOR
JACOB BUSH	6-0	230	JACKSONVILLE FIRST COAST, FL	SOUTH CAROLINA
LEON CALLEN	5-11	180	CONCORD/D&S SALLE, CA	ARIZONA
CHRIS CHUKWUMA	6-2	215	MONTGOMERY/LANIER, AL	ARKANSAS
JASON COOPER	5-11	210	OAKLAND SKYLINE, CA	OREGON
DARREN DAVIS	5-9	175	MIAMI SOUTHBRIDGE, FL	IOWA STATE
AMIR DEW	5-10	185	TOMS RIVER/NORTH, NJ	PITTSBURGH
JONATHAN FRYER	5-11	175	SAN ANTONIO EAST CENTRAL, TX	NEW MEXICO
VANNEZ GOOCH	5-10	170	JACKSONVILLE ED WHITE, FL	FLORIDA STATE
MARTY GRAHAM	5-9	180	TORREY PINES, CA	SAN DIEGO ST.
MIKE GUZZO	6-4	205	OAKLAND INDIAN HILLS, NJ	BOSTON COLLEGE
SEDRICK IRVIN	6-0	205	MIAMI, FL	MICHIGAN STATE
MARCO JACKSON	6-0	185	SHARON, PA	TEMPLE
JEREMY KISBAUGH	6-2	220	BERWICK, PA	VIRGINIA TECH
LEE LAFAYETTE	5-10	185	KANKAKEE BISHOP MCNAMARA, IL	NOTRE DAME
IAN MILLINKISER	5-10	210	SPRING VALLEY MONTE VISTA, CA	NORTHWESTERN
AKKAAR MOSES	5-11	230	LONG BEACH/POLY, CA	FRESNO STATE
RODOLPH PHILLIPS	6-0	200	GALVESTON/O'CONNELL, TX	SMU
TEOFILO RILEY	6-2	195	MEMPHIS CENTRAL, TN	MEMPHIS
KETRIC SANFORD	5-9	185	CORSCANA, TX	HOUSTON
MAURICE SHAW	6-1	205	SACRAMENTO/EL CAMINO, CA	WASHINGTON
WILL SNOWDEN	5-11	200	BOULDER, CO	BYU



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CHUFFY ALLEN 5-10 170  
MANUEL AUSTIN 6-2 180  
DAVID BOSTON 6-3 200  
TIM BOWENS 6-2 196  
OMAR CHEESBORO 6-3 175  
JERRY D'ORON 6-3 195  
DAMIEN DODSON 5-9 165  
DEMIETRIUS DOTSON 6-2 185  
TROY GARNER 6-2 189  
JAYON GREEN 6-4 203  
DAVID HILL 6-3 188  
TITCUS PETTIGREW 6-2 192  
TROY TOLBERT 6-2 195  
DARIN WARKNE 6-1 190  
SHADRICK WASHINGTON 6-4 210  
MARCUS WILLIAMS 6-4 230  
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RO'DERRICK BROUGHTON 6-3 230  
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MATT BRENNAN 6-5 259  
JERRY CARACMAEL 6-4 275  
TARLOS CRUZVIE 6-5 290  
DOMINIC DASTE 6-4 305  
MATT FRAIZE 6-4 270  
DEMOND GIBSON 6-3 305  
JOEL GRIBOWSKI 6-6 296  
RYAN HENDRICKSON 6-5 295  
LEON HIRS 6-6 285  
ADAM HOTZ 6-3 270  
TIM HOWARD 6-5 275  
JOE D. HUBBARD 6-5 285  
STEVE HUTCHINSON 6-4 280  
RICHARD LAND 6-8 290  
PARIS LONG 6-4 300  
FAE'AESMA MAILO 6-4 300  
JOHN MERANDI 6-3 273  
BRIAN MINIHART 6-4 280  
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JARAD MOON 6-5 265  
ROB MOVI 6-6 280  
KURT MURPHY 6-4 280  
GREG ROBERTSON 6-6 303  
ROGER ROESLER 6-6 305  
COLIN SEARS 6-4 280  
PAT SMITH 6-5 270  
DAVE SUCURA 6-5 250  
JOEL SUGG 6-6 260  
PAUL TANNOUS 6-5 290  
JOSH TUCKER 6-5 290  
TIM TURNER 6-7 295  
ANDY VINCENT 6-5 280  
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KOFI BAKUAM 6-2 250  
SAM BENNER 6-4 245  
CARL BRADLEY 6-4 260  
DAVE BRANDT 6-4 250  
CORNELIUS BURTON 6-6 240  
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JAMIE CARTER 6-4 285  
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JAVIER COLLINS 6-7 265  
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JASON JONES 6-2 265  
MARC KIELMEYER 6-6 230  
JEROME KING 6-4 245  
THABETI LOCKHART 6-3 245  
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BUBBA ALEXANDER 6-3 195  
JASPER ARMSTRONG 6-2 225  
CARLTON BEXLEY 6-1 240  
TIM BURGESS 6-3 225  
JEFF CHANEY 6-1 210  
NAIL DIGGS 6-4 200  
ODELL GEORGE 6-2 205  
GEORGE GUDRY 6-3 225  
BRANDON MATTHEWS 6-3 240  
SKIP MILLER 6-5 215  
CHRIS MORANT 6-2 229  
MAC MORRISON 6-2 218  
ANDRE OFFING 6-3 224  
DARRELL OWENS 6-0 215  
KWAESI PALMER 6-2 245  
ROLAND SEYMOUR 6-4 241  
SHAHEED SHAMSUDDIN 6-3 235  
ROBBY STATEN 6-0 240  
JASON STEEN 6-3 210  
ERIC STURDIFEN 6-1 223  
JOSH TAFT 6-4 230  
CHRIS THERRY 6-2 225  
RAYNOCH THOMPSON 6-3 211  
BYRON THWEATT 6-2 215  
STEPHEN TREJO 6-3 230  
WILBER VALDEZ 6-1 235  
JON WATKINS 6-2 233  
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AL BLADES 6-1 180  
SHANNON BRAZZIELE 6-0 205  
LAUNDRE BROWN 5-11 175  
MIKE BURDEN 6-1 210  
PEDRO CIRINO 6-1 187  
DEREK EDWARDS 5-10 180  
ELAN EDWARDS 6-1 175  
J.R. EDWARDS 6-2 180  
JEREMY FLOWERS 6-0 186  
RICHMOND FLOWERS, III 6-0 185  
AARON GATTEN 6-1 200  
DAVID GIBSON 6-2 200  
JOHN GIBSON 6-1 175  
DONALD HARRIS 6-1 203  
COREY KENDERSON 6-1 190  
REGGIE KUNT 6-0 195  
NEHEMIAH MAJOR 6-1 193  
JOHNNY PONDER 6-2 185  
JAMARCUS POWERS 5-10 165  
CORY ROBINSON 5-11 180  
YUSUF SHAKIR 6-0 192  
JASON SMALL 6-0 180

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## ATHLETES

JUNIOR BRIGNAG	6-3	177	RESEDA CLEVELAND, CA	WASHINGTON
DEE BROWN	5-11	185	ALTAMONTE SFGS LK, BRANTLEY, FL	SYRACUSE
TELLIE EMBERY	6-2	200	SYLACAUGA COMER, AL	AUBURN
RONNEY JENKINS	5-11	170	OXNARD HULEME, CA	BYU
RIALL JOHNSON	6-3	225	EVERETT MARINER, WA	STANFORD
TONY LINDSAY	6-2	185	DENVER JEFFERSON, CO	OKLAHOMA STATE
TIM SPRUILL	5-10	166	COLUMBIA HAMMOND, MD	VIRGINIA
MARCUS STIGGERS	5-7	170	RICHARDSON LAKE HIGHLAND, TX	COLORADO
GARRETT WATKINS	6-4	205	BOCA RATON POPE JOHN PAUL, FL	PENN STATE
JERRY WESTBROOKS	6-3	215	DEL CITY, OK	OHIO STATE
MIKE WOODS	5-10	170		OKLAHOMA

## TOP 40 RECRUITING CLASSES

1. OHIO STATE	21. BAYLOR
2. PENN STATE	22. VIRGINIA
3. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	23. AUBURN
4. TENNESSEE	24. OKLAHOMA
5. FLORIDA STATE	25. ARIZONA
6. NOTRE DAME	26. VIRGINIA TECH
7. FLORIDA	27. TEXAS A&M
8. NEBRASKA	28. MARYLAND
9. COLORADO	29. PITTSBURGH
10. MICHIGAN	30. GEORGIA
11. LSU	31. MICHIGAN STATE
12. GEORGIA TECH	32. BYU
13. TEXAS	33. CALIFORNIA
14. MIAMI	34. WISCONSIN
15. OREGON	35. ALABAMA
16. ILLINOIS	36. ARIZONA STATE
17. WASHINGTON	37. HOUSTON
18. ARKANSAS	38. CLEMSON
19. UCLA	39. NORTH CAROLINA
20. SOUTH CAROLINA	40. STANFORD

## TOP 50 IN ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

1 QB QUINCY CARTER	6-3	203	DECATUR S.W. DUKALE, GA	GEORGIA TECH
2 LB BRANDON SPOON	6-3	225	BURLINGTON WILLIAMS, NC	NORTH CAROLINA
3 LB CHRIS EDWARDS	6-6	220	SANDERSVILLE WASH CO., GA	GEORGIA TECH
4 DB SHAWN MCCORMEL	6-0	175	DOTHAN NORTHVIEW, AL	FLORIDA STATE
5 ATH T.T. TOLIVER	6-0	165	DAYTONA BEACH MAINLAND, FL	CLEMSON
6 RB LAVANEUS COLES	6-2	197	JACKSONVILLE RIBAUT, FL	FLORIDA STATE
7 RB THOMAS JONES	6-0	189	BIG STONE GAP POWELL VALLEY, VA	VIRGINIA
8 ATH WILLIE GARDNER	6-1	180	LIVE OAK SUWANNEE, FL	FLORIDA STATE
9 DL TE TERRY BRYANT	6-4	245	SAVANNAH JOHNSON, GA	CLEMSON
10 ATH JON MUYRES	6-3	185	LILBURN PARKVIEW, GA	GEORGIA TECH
11 WR MARVIN MINNIS	6-1	165	MIAMI NORTHWESTERN, FL	FLORIDA STATE
12 K BILLY GRAMATICA	5-10	165	LA BELLE, FL	FLORIDA STATE
13 DL JEFFREY FISHER	6-3	275	COATESVILLE, PA	N.C. STATE
14 QB KEVIN CARTY	6-4	209	SOMERVILLE, NJ	NORTH CAROLINA
15 WR DB OMAR CHEESBORD	6-3	175	MONTCLAIR IMMACULATE, NJ	MARYLAND
16 LB KWAESE PALMER	6-2	245	SULPHUR SPRINGS, TX	FLORIDA STATE
17 DL TARGOS CRUMITIE	6-5	290	MONTICELLO JEFFERSON CTY., FL	FLORIDA STATE
18 OL BRAD BARNES	6-7	275	YORKTOWN TABB, VA	VIRGINIA
19 RB DAMONE BOONE	5-9	175	SPRINGFIELD WEST SPRINGFIELD, VA	MARYLAND
20 RB VANNEZ GOOCH	5-10	170	JACKSONVILLE ED WHITE, FL	FLORIDA STATE
21 DL DONALD HEAVEN	6-5	280	CAROL CITY, FL	FLORIDA STATE
22 LB ROLAND SEYMOUR	6-4	241	NEW ORLEANS ST. AUG. LA	FLORIDA STATE
23 DB JASON SMALL	6-0	180	LOS ANGELES WESTCHESTER, CA	VIRGINIA
24 RB RASHON SPIES	5-11	205	MERIDIAN, CT	N.C. STATE
25 WR DEMITRIUS DOTSON	6-2	185	STATEN ISLAND CURTIS, NY	VIRGINIA
26 DB JOHNNY PENDER	6-2	185	JACKSONVILLE LEE, FL	VIRGINIA
27 OL JARAD MOON	6-5	265	PANAMA CITY BAY, FL	FLORIDA STATE
28 OL JERRY CARMICHAEL	6-4	275	PLANTATION, FL	FLORIDA STATE
29 ATH TIM SPRUILL	5-10	166	COLUMBIA HAMMOND, MD	VIRGINIA
30 LB BYRON THWEATT	6-2	215	ETTRICK MATOACA, VA	VIRGINIA
31 OL TIM HOWARD	6-5	275	MIDDELTOWN, NJ	MARYLAND
32 LB CHRIS MORANT	6-2	229	HAMPTON BETHEL, VA	VIRGINIA
33 QB MALIK CAMPBELL	6-4	195	BUFFALO CARROLL, NY	MARYLAND
34 OL RASHAD STREETS	6-3	280	MARLBORO RIVERDALE BAPTIST, MD	N.C. STATE
35 WR TROY TOLBERT	6-2	195	AUGUSTA JOSEY, GA	GEORGIA TECH
36 LB JON WATKINS	6-2	233	PERTH AMBOY, NJ	MARYLAND
37 DL KOFI BAWUAH	6-2	250	WOODBRIDGE GARFIELD, VA	VIRGINIA
38 LB TIM BURGESS	6-3	225	CARY, NC	NORTH CAROLINA
39 LB TOMMY POLLEY	6-5	210	BALTIMORE DUNBAR, MD	FLORIDA STATE
40 DL MIKE HULL	6-5	250	HAGERSTOWN SOUTH, MD	MARYLAND
41 DL BRYNE MALONE	6-7	240	FRISCO CITY, AL	FLORIDA STATE
42 DL JASON MCCALEY	6-3	255	KEY WEST, FL	MARYLAND

43 RB TERRY WITHERSPOON	6-1	230	MONROE, NC	CLEMSON
44 OL TIM TURNER	6-7	295	COATESVILLE, PA	N.C. STATE
45 TE TERENCE DUPREE	6-4	220	SEFFNER ARMWOOD, FL	DUKE
46 FS LEWIS SANDERS	6-1	185	STATEN ISL. ST PETERS, NY	MARYLAND
47 TE MIKE LILLIE	6-4	245	RIVER RIDGE CURTIS, LA	GEORGIA TECH
48 WR BRETT BASQUIN	6-3	190	LA BELLE, FL	GEORGIA TECH
49 WR MAL LAWYER	5-11	170	BERKLEY, SC	CLEMSON
50 DB WR RICHMOND FLOWERS, III	6-0	185	VESTAVIA HILLS, AL	DUKE

## TOP 50 IN BIG EAST CONFERENCE

1 DL DAMONE LEWIS	6-4	250	SULPHUR SPRINGS, TX	MIAMI
2 LB NATHANIEL WEBSTER	6-0	220	MIAMI NORTHWESTERN, FL	MIAMI
3 DL QUINCY HIPPS	6-4	235	TAMPA CATHOLIC, FL	MIAMI
4 RB EDGERRIN JAMES	6-2	212	IMMOKALEE, FL	MIAMI
5 QB TIM HASSELBACK	6-2	196	WESTWOOD WINTERMAN, MA	BOSTON COLLEGE
6 OL MIKE COOK	6-5	285	WALPOLE, MA	BOSTON COLLEGE
7 QB TONY ZIMMERMAN	6-3	210	HARRISON CTY PENN TRAFFORD, PA	PITTSBURGH
8 DE ROBERT ADAMS	6-5	220	NARUNA CAMPBELL, VA	VIRGINIA TECH
8 WR DB QUINTON SPOTWOOD	5-11	175	ELIZABETH, NJ	SYRACUSE
10 OL BEN KOPP	6-4	295	NEW KENSINGTON VALLEY, PA	PITTSBURGH
11 ATH IAN MCINTOSH	5-11	185	CHESHIRE, CT	SYRACUSE
12 DL TE VAUGHN SMITH	6-3	275	OXON HILLINOIS, MD	SYRACUSE
13 K SHAYNE GRAHAM	5-9	163	DUBLIN PULASKI COUNTY, VA	VIRGINIA TECH
14 DB ANDRE KENDRICK	5-9	185	LYNCHBURG E.C. GLASS, VA	VIRGINIA TECH
15 RB DB PEDRO CRINO	6-1	187	JERSEY CITY ST. PETER'S, NJ	BOSTON COLLEGE
15 OL DEMOND GIBSON	6-3	305	PITTSBURGH PENN HILLS, PA	PITTSBURGH
17 WR CHIFFY ALLEN	5-10	170	PASSAIC, NJ	PITTSBURGH
18 DE BRIAN STINSON	6-4	220	DELAND, FL	MIAMI
19 DB AL BLADES	6-1	180	PLANTATION, FL	MIAMI
20 RB MARKO JACKSON	6-0	185	SHARON, PA	TEMPLE
21 LB FB WILBER VALDEZ	6-1	235	HOBOKEN, NJ	MIAMI
22 TE DL IKE IHEJETO	6-5	245	WASHINGTON CARROLL, DC	SYRACUSE
23 DB WILL ALLEN	6-0	171	SYRACUSE CORCORAN, NY	SYRACUSE
24 DL CARL BRADLEY	6-4	260	LYNCHBURG E.C. GLASS, VA	VIRGINIA TECH
25 QB STEVE KELLY	6-4	195	BURLESON, TX	MIAMI
26 ATH DEE BROWN	5-11	185	ALTAMONTE SFGS LK, BRANTLEY, FL	SYRACUSE
27 RB AMIR DEW	5-10	185	TOMS RIVER NORTH, NJ	PITTSBURGH
28 RB DB MIKE GUAZZO	6-4	205	OAKLAND INDIAN HILLS, NJ	BOSTON COLLEGE
29 TE DANIEL FRANKS	6-6	235	BIG SPRING, TX	MIAMI
30 OL BRIAN MINIHART	6-4	280	BUTLER, PA	PITTSBURGH
31 FB LB JEREMY KISBAUGH	6-2	220	BERWICK, PA	VIRGINIA TECH
32 DB DONALD HARRIS	6-1	203	WASHINGTON D. WOODSON, DC	VIRGINIA TECH
33 QB DAVE ROBBINS	6-2	185	BERWICK, PA	BOSTON COLLEGE
34 DB JAMES SUTTON	6-1	215	MIAMI SOUTHRIDGE, FL	MIAMI
35 ATH ANTHONY MIDGET	5-10	165	CLEWISTON, FL	VIRGINIA TECH
36 DB LORENZO FERGUSON	6-2	175	CHESAPEAKE W. BRANCH, VA	VIRGINIA TECH
37 LB FB CLIFF SNELL	6-3	240	WORCESTER ST PETER MARION, MA	SYRACUSE
38 RB DB JOSEPH MICKENS	6-1	194	LAKEHURST MANCHESTER, NJ	BOSTON COLLEGE
39 ATH GREG MYERS	6-3	210	MOUNTAIN TOP, PA	VIRGINIA TECH
40 DB MIKE PRIDGEN	6-2	210	HYATTSVILLE DEMATHA, MD	RUTGERS
41 LB MAYNARD PETTUJOHN	6-2	225	WEST ROXBURY, MA	SYRACUSE
42 OL JOSEPH REDDING	6-6	275	HANOVER, VA	VIRGINIA TECH
43 DL OL RICHARD ALLARA	6-4	260	MATEWAN, WV	WEST VIRGINIA
44 LB CORY STORR	6-4	260	MIAMI KILLIN, FL	VIRGINIA TECH
45 DL PAUL FATH	6-3	260	NEW BRIGHTON, PA	PITTSBURGH
46 DE ROBERT LEWIS	6-4	215	WARWICK, NY	SYRACUSE
47 OL WAYNE HAMPTON	6-3	210	PAULSBORO, NJ	RUTGERS
48 OL KIRK MILLIN	6-6	280	COLUMBUS WALNUT RIDGE, OH	WEST VIRGINIA
49 DB NATHAN KIRBY	6-0	195	PARKERSBURG, WV	PITTSBURGH
50 FB DB FRANK ALVERTO	5-11	205	HEDGESVILLE, WV	WEST VIRGINIA

## TOP 50 IN BIG TEN CONFERENCE

1 DL COURTNEY BROWN	6-6	230	MONCK'S CORNER MACEDONIA, SC	PENN STATE
2 DL ERIC JEFFERSON	6-4	260	SHREVEPORT EVANGEL, LA	ILLINOIS
3 LB ANDY KATZENMOYER	6-4	240	WESTERVILLE SOUTH, OH	OHIO STATE
4 OL JEFFERSON KELLEY	6-5	300	CINCINNATI COLERAIN, OH	OHIO STATE
5 WR FLAVIO BURGESS	6-6	210	VIRGINIA BEACH GREEN RUN, VA	MICHIGAN STATE
6 RB MICHAEL WILEY	6-0	182	SPRING VALLEY MONTE VISTA, CA	OHIO STATE
7 OL MARQUES SULLIVAN	6-6	300	CHICAGO FENWICK, IL	ILLINOIS
8 QB RASHARD CASEY	6-3	180	HOBOKEN, NJ	PENN STATE
9 QB JASON KAPSNER	6-6	215	EDEN PRARIE, MN	MICHIGAN
10 RB NIC GOINGS	6-0	195	DUBLIN SCIOTO, OH	OHIO STATE
11 LB GRADY BROOKS	6-2	220	DALLAS LINCOLN, TX	MICHIGAN
12 ATH JOE DAWKINS	5-9	180	HACKENSACK, NJ	PENN STATE
13 DB TOMMY HENDRICKS III	6-2	205	ALDINE EISENHOWER, TX	MICHIGAN
14 DB GARY BERRY	6-1	205	COLUMBUS DOWNSALES OH	OHIO STATE
15 FB RON DAYNE	5-11	255	PINE HILL OVERBROOK, NJ	WISCONSIN
16 OL BILLY BRANN	6-4	280	BLUE SPRINGS SOUTH, MO	IOWA
17 OL JEFF BACKUS	6-6	260	NORCROSS, GA	MICHIGAN
18 TE MIKE SOLWOLD	6-6	228	ARROWHEAD, WI	WISCONSIN



19	QB	EARL HANFORD	6-3	215	MARTINSVILLE, IN	INDIANA
20	OL	PAUL TANNOUS	6-5	290	CY CREEK, TX	MICHIGAN
21	ATH	JERRY WESTBROOKS	6-3	215	BOCA RATON POPE JOHN PAUL, FL	OHIO STATE
22	DB/DB	MIKE BURDEN	6-1	210	PALATINE, IL	OHIO STATE
23	OL	JOEL GRIBOWSKI	6-6	298	SCHOFIELD EVEREST, WI	WISCONSIN
24	WR	DAVID BOSTON	6-3	200	HUMBLE, TX	OHIO STATE
25	FB	CULLEN BRYANT, JR	6-4	225	GERMANTOWN-HOUSTON, TN	PURDUE
26	FB	SEDRICK IRVIN	6-0	205	MIAMI, FL	MICHIGAN STATE
27	OL	STEVE HUTCHINSON	6-4	280	CORAL SPRINGS, FL	MICHIGAN
28	OL/OL	MARC KIELMEYER	6-6	230	WESTERVILLE-SOUTH, OH	PENN STATE
29	OL	PARIS LONG	6-4	300	COLUMBUS-BEECHCROFT, OH	OHIO STATE
30	DB	NEHEMIAH MINOR	6-1	193	DETROIT-PERSHING, MI	ILLINOIS
31	WR	TITCUS PETTIGREW	6-2	192	CLEMMONS-WEST FORSYTH, NC	PENN STATE
32	DB	YUSUF SHAKIR	6-0	192	TALLAHASSEE-LINCOLN, FL	WISCONSIN
33	OL	ROBARIE SMITH	6-6	235	FLINT-NORTHERN, MI	MICHIGAN STATE
34	LB	ERIC STURDIFEN	6-1	223	RICHMOND-HUGENOT, VA	PENN STATE
35	WR	DARIK WARKNE	6-1	190	STOW-WALSH JESUIT, OH	OHIO STATE
36	WR/DB	SHADRIK WASHINGTON	6-4	210	MILWAUKEE-VINCET, WI	WISCONSIN
37	ATH	GARRETT WATKINS	6-4	205	CORAPOLIS MOON TWP., PA	PENN STATE
38	LB	NA'IL DIGGS	6-4	200	LOS ANGELES-DORSEY, CA	OHIO STATE
39	LB	MAC MORRISON	6-2	218	PORT ORCHARD-S. KITSAP, WA	PENN STATE
40	OL	MARCUS PEREZ	6-4	245	MEDINA, OH	OHIO STATE
41	OL	DAVE BRANDT	6-4	250	JENISON, MI	MICHIGAN
42	OL	IMAN BELL	6-5	310	PHILADELPHIA-DOUGHERTY, PA	PENN STATE
43	DB	LAUNDRE BROWN	5-11	175	FT. WORTH-WYATT, TX	MICHIGAN
44	WR	JERRY DORON	6-3	195	CROWLEY, LA	MICHIGAN
45	OL	DAVE SUGURA	6-5	250	STERLING HTS.-STEVENS, MI	MICHIGAN STATE
46	OL	KURT MURPHY	6-4	280	COLUMBUS-DESALES, OH	OHIO STATE
47	TE	MIKE GURR	6-7	250	HAMILTON, OH	OHIO STATE
48	RB	JAVIER COLLINS	6-7	265	ST. PAUL-ST. THOMAS, MN	NORTHWESTERN
49	LB-TE	SKIP MILLER	5-10	210	SPRING VALLEY MONTE VISTA, CA	NORTHWESTERN
50	DB/RB	AARON GATTEN	6-5	215	LAWTON-BRONSON, IA	IOWA
			6-1	200	WASHINGTON, PA	PENN STATE

## TOP 50 IN BIG TWELVE CONFERENCE

1	RB	ELIJAH BURKINS	5-9	185	PORT ARTHUR-JEFFERSON, TX	BAYLOR
2	QB	ODELL JAMES	6-4	190	ALDINE-MARTHUR, TX	BAYLOR
3	DB/RB	RALPH BROWN, II	5-11	180	LA PUENTE-BISHOP AMAT, CA	NEBRASKA
4	ATH	TYSON WILSON	6-1	205	DALLAS-KIMBALL, TX	BAYLOR
5	DB	ROBERT POLLARD	6-2	205	ORANGE PARK, FL	NEBRASKA
6	RB	DEANGELO EVANS	5-10	210	WICHITA-COLLEGIATE, KS	NEBRASKA
7	OL	CHRIS VALLETTA	6-4	295	PLANO, TX	TEXAS A&M
8	ATH	BRANDON DANIELS	6-0	180	ADA, OK	OKLAHOMA
9	OL	CEDRIC WOODARD	6-4	270	SWEENEY, TX	TEXAS
10	DB	EDRICK BROOKS	6-3	225	ALDINE, TX	BAYLOR
11	OL	JESSIE WARREN	6-4	250	DALLAS-CARTER, TX	COLORADO
12	OL	WILL GOODLOE	6-5	255	SPRING VALLEY MONTE VISTA, CA	TEXAS
13	OL	STEVE WILLIAMS	6-4	255	SAPULPA, OK	OKLAHOMA
14	RB	DARRIN DAVIS	5-9	175	MIAMI-SOUTHBRIDGE, FL	IOWA STATE
15	OL	RICHARD LAND	6-8	290	BRENTWOOD-ACADEMY, TN	TEXAS
16	LB	BUBBA ALEXANDER	6-3	195	SHREVEPORT-EVANGEL, LA	TEXAS A&M
17	OL	CORNELIUS BURTON	6-6	240	HOUSTON-LAMAR, TX	OKLAHOMA
18	OL	GREG ROBINSON	6-6	303	LA MARQUE, TX	OKLAHOMA
19	OL	DENISHO COOK	6-4	280	STILLWATER, OK	OKLAHOMA STATE
20	DB	J.R. EDWARDS	6-2	180	LINCOLN-SOUTHEAST, NE	NEBRASKA
21	ATH	MIKE WOODS	5-10	170	DEL CITY, OK	OKLAHOMA
22	LB	GEORGE GUORY	6-3	225	LAKE CHARLES-WASH MARION, LA	NEBRASKA
23	OL	CASEY HAMPTON	6-1	300	GALVESTON-BALL, TX	TEXAS
24	RB	DARRELL BUSH	5-10	180	JERSEY VILLAGE, TX	BAYLOR
25	RB	TORY ELLIS	6-0	195	BROWNSVILLE-HANNA, TX	TEXAS
26	ATH	MARCUS STIGGERS	5-7	170	RICHARDSON-LAKE HIGHLAND, TX	COLORADO
27	OL	STEVE WARREN	6-2	298	SPRINGFIELD-KICKAPOO, MO	NEBRASKA
28	QB	JONATHAN BEASLEY	6-1	211	GLENDALE-CACTUS, AZ	KANSAS STATE
29	LB	ODELL GEORGE	6-2	205	RANCHO BUENA VISTA, CA	COLORADO
30	DB	JOHN GIBSON	6-1	175	PAPILLION, NE	NEBRASKA
31	OL	JOE D. HUBBARD	6-5	285	HOOKS, TX	TEXAS
32	OL	SEAN JARNE	6-5	255	ANAHEIM-ESPERANZA, CA	COLORADO
33	OL/OL	IAN LOPER	6-5	300	SAN DIEGO PT. LOMA, CA	COLORADO
34	OL	ROGER ROESLER	6-6	305	ROUND ROCK, TX	TEXAS
35	LB	CHRIS THIERRY	6-2	225	BAYTOWN-LEE, TX	TEXAS A&M
36	OL	ANDY VINCENT	6-5	280	SULPHUR, LA	TEXAS A&M
37	WR	JAVON GREEN	6-4	203	INGLEWOOD, CA	COLORADO
38	OL	DERRICK CURRY	6-4	265	HOUSTON-JONES, TX	TEXAS
39	TE	RO'DERRICK BROUGHTON	6-3	230	MONROE-NEVILLE, LA	TEXAS A&M
40	FB-LB	DANIEL ALEXANDER	6-4	230	WENTZVILLE, MO	NEBRASKA
41	DE	RYAN ALLEN	6-2	252	ENID, OK	OKLAHOMA
42	TE	MATT ANDERSON	6-4	230	MOORE, OK	OKLAHOMA
43	RB	ARIANO BRUCE	5-10	175	OLATHE-NORTH, KS	KANSAS
44	DB	ELAN EDWARDS	6-1	175	BOULDER, CO	COLORADO
45	OL	ROBERT HAAS	6-4	230	BOULDER FAIRVIEW, CO	COLORADO
46	OL	ADAM HOTZ	6-3	270	PAPILLION-LA VISTA, NE	KANSAS
47	ATH	TORY LINDSAY	6-2	185	DENVER-JEFFERSON, CO	OKLAHOMA STATE
48	LB	JOSH TAFT	6-4	230	PLANO EAST, TX	TEXAS
49	WR/LB	MARCUS WILLIAMS	6-4	230	BERKELEY, CA	COLORADO

## TOP 50 FOR CONFERENCE USA

1	WR	KENNETH DAVIS	6-0	185	HOUSTON-WASHINGTON, TX	HOUSTON
2	DL	JEROME KING	6-4	245	WEST MONROE, LA	SOUTHERN MISS
3	DL	MARCUS SANDERS	6-4	245	MESQUITE, TX	HOUSTON
4	WR	DAMIEN DODSON	5-9	165	MEMPHIS-WESTWOOD, TN	MEMPHIS
5	RB	KETRIC SANFORD	5-9	185	CORSICANA, TX	HOUSTON
6	OL	CHRIS ANDERSON	6-3	285	MARRERO-EHRET, LA	TULANE
7	OL	RYAN HENDRICKSON	6-5	295	ARLINGTON-MARTIN, TX	HOUSTON
8	OL	SHEDDICK BLACKMON	6-5	285	PENSACOLA-ESCAMBIA, FL	SOUTHERN MISS
9	QB	KENTON EVANS	6-4	180	MEMPHIS-WESTWOOD, TN	MEMPHIS
10	RB/DB	TEOFILO RILEY	6-2	195	MEMPHIS-CENTRAL, TN	MEMPHIS
11	OL	ANTHONY BONNER	6-4	265	LOUISVILLE-CENTRAL, KY	LOUISVILLE
12	DB	RASHAD HOLMAN	6-0	175	LOUISVILLE-MALE, KY	LOUISVILLE
13	DB	COREY BRADSHAW	6-1	195	MESQUITE, TX	HOUSTON
14	LB	DERRICK KENNEDY	6-4	230	BOWLING GREEN, KY	LOUISVILLE
15	DB	MARCUS SMITH	5-11	175	DALLAS-CARTER, TX	HOUSTON
16	OL	BERNARD ROBERTSON	6-4	265	NEW ORLEANS-KARR, LA	TULANE
17	QB	JEFF MCCOOL	6-3	225	PALATKA, FL	CINCINNATI
18	OL	JOE O'SHAUGHNESSY	6-2	265	COLUMBUS-WATTS, OH	LOUISVILLE
19	WR	JERRIAN JAMES	6-1	175	GALVESTON-BALL, TX	HOUSTON
20	LB	MATT SEXTON	6-3	225	FERGUSON-SOUTHWESTERN, KY	LOUISVILLE
21	WR	LAVELL BOYD	6-4	190	LOUISVILLE-DOSS, KY	LOUISVILLE
22	QB	TONY BELLAMY	6-3	197	MELBOURNE-EAU GALIE, FL	LOUISVILLE
23	WR	YEASIVE WARE	6-6	185	ELFAULA, AL	LOUISVILLE
24	OL	MIKE KNEPPER	6-2	260	GARLAND, TX	HOUSTON
25	LB	CORY GREEN	6-2	230	CECILIA, LA	TULANE
26	OL	JOSH LOVELADY	6-3	310	TIDEHAVEN, TX	HOUSTON
27	ATH	TY TRAHAN	6-1	210	PEARL RIVER CENTRAL, MS	SOUTHERN MISS
28	TE	MIKE TURNER	6-3	240	SPRING KLEIN OAK, TX	TULANE
29	QB	JASON MCKINLEY	6-3	200	AUSTIN-WESTWOOD, TX	HOUSTON
30	RB/DB	COREY CRUME	6-2	215	LEBANON-MARION CO., KY	LOUISVILLE
31	LB	DERIC SCOTT	6-3	220	MONROEVILLE-MONROE CO., AL	SOUTHERN MISS
32	LB	ERIC SCOTT	6-1	230	MONROEVILLE-MONROE CO., AL	SOUTHERN MISS
33	ATH	TENDAI CHARASIKA	5-7	180	LOUISVILLE ST. XAVIER, KY	LOUISVILLE
34	FB	DWAYNE TAYLOR	5-11	185	BAY MINETTE-BALDWIN CO., AL	LOUISVILLE
35	OL	JOHN NIX	6-2	292	GEORGE CO., MS	SOUTHERN MISS
36	TE	SCOTT REGIMBALD	6-2	215	MONTREAL-CHAMPLAIN, QUE	HOUSTON
37	LB	ZAID HOUSTON	6-2	195	BOGUSA, LA	SOUTHERN MISS
38	OL	KEVIN LUTTRELL	6-6	240	BRENTWOOD-ACADEMY, TN	MEMPHIS
39	OL	TODD OWEN	6-3	275	CARRIERE PEARL RIVER, MS	SOUTHERN MISS
40	DB	NOEL ELLIS	6-3	210	NEW ORLEANS-KARR, LA	TULANE
41	DB	WILLIAM FIELDS	5-10	170	COPPERAS COVE, TX	HOUSTON
42	LB	CRAIG GOTCHER	6-3	238	DETROIT-CHADSEY, MI	LOUISVILLE
43	OL	BRAD MCFARLAND	6-6	260	KLEIN, TX	TULANE
44	OL	AUSTIN O'DELL	6-5	260	MEMPHIS-WESTWOOD, TN	MEMPHIS
45	WR	DENAMON ROBINSON	6-2	176	MOBILE-MURPHY, AL	SOUTHERN MISS
46	TE	MITCH MOUTON	6-5	225	KAPLAN, LA	TULANE
47	DB	JERRY PHILLIPS	5-11	187	NEW ORLEANS-KARR, LA	TULANE
48	RB	TERRANCE PARRISH	5-10	175	THEODORE, AL	SOUTHERN MISS
49	DE	GERALD MUMFORD	6-3	225	JACKSON-CALLAWAY, MS	SOUTHERN MISS
50	DB	JAMIE JONES	6-4	180	LAUREL-NORTHEAST, MS	MEMPHIS

## TOP 50 IN PACIFIC-10 CONFERENCE

1	OL	TRAVIS CLARIDGE	6-6	300	FT. VANCOUVER, WA	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
2	WR	LACOREY COLLINS	6-4	208	OAKLAND-SKYLINE, CA	OREGON
3	LB	JEREMIAH PHARMS	6-3	220	SACRAMENTO VALLEY, CA	WASHINGTON
4	WR	STAN GUINNESS	6-3	175	LOS ALAMITOS, CA	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
5	LB	CHRIS CLAIBORNE	6-4	225	RIVERSIDE-NORTH, CA	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
6	QB	RYAN KEALY	6-2	198	PHOENIX-SAINT MARYLAND'S, AZ	ARIZONA STATE
7	QB	MIKE VAN RAAPHORST	6-5	215	LA MESA-HELIX, CA	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
8	RB	TED IACENEA	6-1	225	NEW HALL HART, CA	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
9	RB	DURRILL PRICE	6-1	222	SYLMAR, CA	UCLA
10	WR	TORY HARTLEY	6-2	180	LOS ALAMITOS, CA	OREGON
11	OL	ENNIS DAVIS	6-5	295	RESEDA, CA	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
12	ATH	ORTEGE JENKINS	6-3	210	LONG BEACH-JORDAN, CA	ARIZONA
13	TE	STEVE COUGHLIN	6-5	225	ANSONIA, CT	STANFORD
14	WR	R. JAY SOWARD	5-11	165	FONTANA, CA	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
15	RB/DB	CURTIS WILLIAMS	5-10	180	FRESNO-BULLARD, CA	WASHINGTON
16	OL	CHAD WARD	6-6	310	KENNEWICK RIVERVIEW, WA	WASHINGTON
17	RB	LEON CALLEN	5-11	180	CONCORD-DILLASALLEE, CA	ARIZONA
18	OL	A.J. FEELEY	6-5	195	ONTARIO, OR	OREGON
19	DB	FAE'AE'SMA MALLO	6-4	300	HONOLULU-KAHUKU, HI	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
20	DL/OL	RASHAAN DAVIS	6-6	290	LOS ALAMITOS, CA	CALIFORNIA
21	DL	T.J. JACKSON	6-3	240	LOMPOC, CA	WASHINGTON
22	DL	JOSHUA WEBB	6-6	268	TURLOCK, CA	UCLA
23	DL	MICAH WEBB	6-5	270	TURLOCK, CA	UCLA
24	DB	DAMIAN ALLEN	5-10	170	LAVERNE-DAMEN, CA	UCLA
25	WR	MANUEL AUSTIN	6-2	180	LOS GATOS, CA	WASHINGTON
26	DB	JASON BELL	6-2	175	LONG BEACH-MILLIKAN, CA	UCLA
27	TE	GABE CRECION	6-5	225	WEST HILLS-CHAMPADE, CA	UCLA
28	DB	DAVID GIBSON	6-2	200	SANTA ANA-MATER DEI, CA	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



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29	OL	JOEL SUGG	6-6	260	IRVINE, CA	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
30	DB	COREY HENDERSON	6-1	190	MARRERO-EHRET, LA	ARIZONA
31	OL	MIKE WHITCANACK	6-6	275	SARATOGA, CA	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
32	QB	DYLAN AQUINO	6-2	200	LOS ALTOS, CA	UCLA
33	DE/LB	THABETI LOCKHART	6-3	245	OAKLAND-FREMONT, CA	CALIFORNIA
34	RB	KEITH BROWN	6-0	205	PHOENIX-MT. POINT, AZ	UCLA
35	DL/OL	SAM BENNER	6-4	245	SANTA PAULA ST. BONAVENTURE, CA	STANFORD
36	OL	MATT FRAIZE	6-4	270	SANTA ROSA-NEWMAN, CA	WASHINGTON
37	DE	RIALL JOHNSON	6-3	225	EVERETT-MARINER, WA	STANFORD
38	DE	JEREMIAH PARKER	6-5	250	RICHMOND-DEANZA, CA	CALIFORNIA
39	LB	SHAMHEED SHAMSUDDIN	6-3	235	LOS ANGELES-VERBUM DEL, CA	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
40	OL/OL	PAT SMITH	6-5	270	LA MESA-HELIX, CA	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
41	LB	JASON STEEN	6-3	210	GARDENA-SERRA, CA	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
42	LB	ANSELMO ZAMANO	6-2	220	FONTANA, CA	UCLA
43	NG	DARCEY AFUVAI	6-2	280	OGDEN-BONNEVILLE, UT	OREGON
44	WR/DB	TROY GARNER	6-2	189	SHERMAN OAKS-NOTRE DAME, CA	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
45	LB	STEPHEN TREJO	6-3	230	CASA GRANDE, AZ	ARIZONA STATE
46	ATH	JUNIOR BRIGNAC	6-3	177	RESEDA-CLEVELAND, CA	WASHINGTON
47	RB	JASON COOPER	5-11	210	OAKLAND-SKYLINE, CA	OREGON
48	QB	TERRY HESS	6-2	185	TEMISCAL CYN, CA	CALIFORNIA
49	RB/LB	MAURICE SHAW	6-1	205	SACRAMENTO-EL CAMINO, CA	WASHINGTON
50	OL	DOMINIC DASTE	6-4	305	LIVERNE-DAMEN, CA	WASHINGTON

## TOP 50 IN SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

1	QB	TIM COUCH	6-5	210	HYDEN-LESLIE CO., KY	KENTUCKY
2	RB	PATRICK PASS	6-0	205	TUCKER, GA	GEORGIA
3	DB	DAWAYNE GOODRICH	6-0	177	OAK LAWN-RICHARDS, IL	TENNESSEE
4	TE	RUFUS FRENCH	6-5	224	AMORY, MS	MISSISSIPPI
5	DB	ROLAND BAILEY	6-1	171	FOLKSTON-CHARLTON CO., GA	GEORGIA
6	RB/DB	DAYMON CARROLL	5-11	180	NORRISTOWN, PA	FLORIDA
7	OL	ALCENDER JACKSON	6-4	310	MOSS POINT, MS	LSU
8	DL	THADDEUS BULLARD	6-5	247	LIVE OAK-SUWANNEE, FL	FLORIDA
9	RB	VERNON MAXWELL	6-3	205	MIDWEST CITY, OK	TENNESSEE
10	PK/P	COURTNEY LEAVITT	6-0	210	GERMANTOWN, TN	SOUTH CAROLINA
11	RB	CECIL COLLINS	5-10	200	LEESVILLE, LA	LSU
12	QB	TAMAUURICE MARTIN	6-4	190	MOBILE-WILLIAMSON, AL	TENNESSEE
13	DE	SHAUN ELLIS	6-5	230	ANDERSON-WESTSIDE, SC	TENNESSEE
14	DE/WR	GERALD GRIFFIN	6-2	170	MURFREESBORO-RIVERDALE, TN	TENNESSEE
15	DL	KENNY SMITH	6-7	265	STEVENSON N. JACKSON, AL	ALABAMA
16	TE	DWIGHT EDGE	6-5	220	APOPKA, FL	FLORIDA
17	WR	JERMALE KELLY	6-2	170	GREENVILLE-BEREA, SC	SOUTH CAROLINA
18	DL	MARCUS STROUD	6-6	290	QUITMAN-BROOKS CO., GA	GEORGIA
19	OL	ZAC ZEDALIS	6-4	280	ALACHUA-SANTA FE, FL	FLORIDA
20	ATH	BRYAN SMITH	6-4	205	TATUM, TX	ARKANSAS
21	DE	DERRICK CHAMBERS	6-4	238	BURNS, NC	FLORIDA
22	ATH	TELLIE EMBERY	6-2	200	SYLACAUGA-COMER, AL	AUBURN
23	WR	DAVID HILL	6-3	188	ELFAULA, AL	AUBURN
24	DE	BUCK GURLEY	6-4	236	TALLAHASSEE-GODBY, FL	FLORIDA
25	WR	TIM BOWENS	6-2	196	KILLEN-BROOKS, AL	ALABAMA
26	QB	BEN LEARD	6-4	215	HARTWELL-HART CO., GA	AUBURN
27	LB	DARRELL OWENS	6-0	215	JACKSON-PROVINE, MS	FLORIDA
28	DL	JOHNNY MITCHELL	6-5	280	MARRERO-EHRET, LA	LSU
29	OL/OL	COLIN SEARS	6-4	280	RUSSELLVILLE, AL	AUBURN
30	DL/OL	TOBY CHAMPION	6-5	285	HUMBOLT, TN	TENNESSEE
31	OL	NIKIA TAYLOR	6-3	270	BARNWELL, SC	SOUTH CAROLINA
32	DB	DEREK EDMONDS	5-10	180	TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH, FL	TENNESSEE
33	K	DAVID LEAVERTON	6-4	200	MIDLAND, TX	TENNESSEE
34	DB	CORY ROBINSON	5-11	180	TUCKER, GA	GEORGIA
35	LB	ANDRE OFFING	6-3	224	HOUSTON, TX	SOUTH CAROLINA
36	DL/OL	BRENT MUELLER	6-4	255	FAIRFAX-ROBINSON SECONDARY, VA	AUBURN
37	QB	DOUG JOHNSON	6-4	195	GAINESVILLE-BUCHOLZ, FL	FLORIDA
38	QB	MIKE USRY	6-4	209	TALLAHASSEE-N. FL. CHRIST., FL	GEORGIA
39	DL/OL	JAMIE CARTER	6-4	285	PHILADELPHIA-NESHODA CENT., MS	ALABAMA
40	FB	JACOB BUSH	6-0	230	JACKSONVILLE FIRST COAST, FL	SOUTH CAROLINA
41	OL	DERRION YATES	6-7	235	HOUSTON-WASHINGTON, TX	LSU
42	WR	MICHAEL WILLIAMS	6-0	180	BASTROP, LA	ARKANSAS
43	DL	CECIL CALDWELL	6-3	250	NEWBERRY, SC	SOUTH CAROLINA
44	LB/RB	JEFF CHANEY	6-1	210	LAKE WALES, FL	SOUTH CAROLINA
45	LB	ROBBY STATEN	6-0	240	PEARL, MS	ALABAMA
46	LB	RAYNOCH THOMPSON	6-3	211	NEW ORLEANS-ST. AUGUSTINE, LA	TENNESSEE
47	DL	ANTHONY OVERTREET	6-3	235	ATLANTA-DOUGLASS, GA	SOUTH CAROLINA
48	RB	CHRYS CHUKWUMA	6-2	215	MONTGOMERY-LANIER, AL	ARKANSAS
49	LB	BRANDON MATTHEWS	6-3	240	NEW ORLEANS-CARVER, LA	LSU
50	LB	CARLTON, BEXLEY	6-1	240	CARROLLTON, GA	ARKANSAS

4	QB	CHRIS SANDERS	6-1	205	FLOWER MOUND-MARCUS, TX	SMU
5	DB	REGGIE HUNT	6-0	195	DENISON, TX	TCU
6	RB	MARTY GRAHAM	5-9	180	TORREY PINES, CA	SAN DIEGO ST.
7	QB	DARNELL ARCENEUX	6-3	180	HONOLULU-ST. LOUIS, HI	UTAH
8	ATH	RONNEY JENKINS	5-11	170	OXNARD-HUEME, CA	BYU
9	RB	AKKAR MOSES	5-11	230	LONG BEACH-POLY, CA	FRESNO STATE
10	RB	JONATHAN FRYER	5-11	175	SAN ANTONIO-EAST CENTRAL, TX	NEW MEXICO
11	DL	BLAINE SAIPAA	6-2	275	OXNARD-CHANNEL ISLAND, CA	COLORADO STATE
12	SS	SHANNON BRAZZELLE	6-0	205	LEWISVILLE, TX	TCU
13	ILB	JASPER ARMSTRONG	6-2	225	AURORA-EAGLECREST, CO	COLORADO STATE
14	DL	HANS OLSEN	6-4	262	WEISER, ID	BYU
15	OL	JOHN MOALA	6-7	255	CARROLLTON SMITH, TX	BYU
16	RB	RODOLPH PHILLIPS	6-0	200	GALVESTON-O'CONNELL, TX	SMU
17	DB	JAMARCUS POWERS	5-10	165	LA MARQUE, TX	TCU
18	QB	JAY STONER	6-2	195	COLORADO SPRINGS-MITCHELL, CO	WYOMING
19	QB	CLOIS TAYLOR	6-2	200	DALLAS-SPRUCE, TX	SMU
20	RB	LYDELL BURSTON	5-11	175	SAN DIEGO-MORSE, CA	SAN DIEGO ST.
21	ATH	RANDY BLACK	6-0	180	LAS VEGAS-CLARK, NV	UNLV
22	WR	NIN BURNS	5-10	180	COVINA, CA	UTAH
23	DB	TY GRAYSON	6-1	180	FRESNO-EDISON, CA	FRESNO STATE
24	RB	ELZIE JOHNSON	5-11	180	CROSBY, TX	UTEP
25	OL	JON SAMUELSON	6-5	285	CONROE-McCULLOUGH, TX	NEW MEXICO
26	OL	SHANNON PETERSON	6-6	260	ADAIR, OK	TULSA
27	RB/DB	J' SHARON JONES	5-9	180	OAKLAND-SKYLINE, CA	COLORADO STATE
28	RB	KEVIN ISHAM	6-2	215	FREDERICK, OK	TULSA
29	ATH	JOE HARRIS	5-10	175	LAKEWOOD, CA	SAN DIEGO ST.
30	OL	BEN ARCHIBALD	6-5	280	SEASIDE, OR	BYU
31	DL/OL	JUSTIN BORVANSKY	6-2	265	THORTON-HORIZON, CO	COLORADO STATE
32	WR	TERRANCE BROWN	6-1	176	MENLO-ATHERTO, CA	FRESNO STATE
33	OL	JEFF ERKLEEN	6-5	270	ROLLING HILLS-PENINSULA, CA	SMU
34	RB	ANDY ORD	6-1	190	LA JOLLA-TORREY PINES, CA	BYU
35	FB/LB	BROCK DIECIKER	6-3	225	NEWBURY PARK, CA	BYU
36	LB	BRANT DIEDIKER	6-2	215	NEWBURY PARK, CA	BYU
37	LB	QUINCY LUNFORD	6-3	210	BRAZOSWOOD, TX	TCU
38	WR/DB	TAIROU SMITH	5-8	160	INGLEWOOD, CA	SAN DIEGO ST.
39	OL	KEVIN HUGHES	6-6	300	DENVER-HERITAGE, CO	WYOMING
40	LB/FB	MARQUES ROBINSON	6-0	195	INGLEWOOD, CA	UNLV
41	OL	MATT VALLERY	6-4	280	STOCKTON-LINCOLN, CA	FRESNO STATE
42	LB	MAUGAULA TUTELE	6-3	215	SAN BERNARDINO-PACIFIC, CA	COLORADO STATE
43	DL/OL	CHRIS WATKINS	6-3	259	GILBERT-HIGHLAND, AZ	BYU
44	LB	MATT WARD	6-4	210	LIVERNE-DAMEN, CA	UNLV
45	LB	LIKAWI MALAKI	6-1	220	LOS ANGELES-DORSEY, CA	HAWAII
46	DB	SHAUN HASUP	5-10	180	PASADENA-MUIR, CA	UNLV
47	DL/OL	JUSTIN CONWAY	6-2	250	MODESTO-DAVIS, CA	UNLV
48	OL	FRANK ALVAREZ	6-5	240	LOS ANGELES-BANNING, CA	COLORADO STATE
49	RB	PAUL KOURAFAX	6-2	206	PEORIA, AZ	WYOMING
50	TE	CHRIS ALEX	6-4	240	FONTANA, CA	FRESNO STATE

## TOP 50 IN WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

1	QB	KEVIN FETERIK	6-2	195	LOS ALAMITOS, CA	BYU
2	RB/DB	WILL SNOWDEN	5-11	200	BOULDER, CO	BYU
3	QB	BRETT ENGMANN	6-4	220	PROVO-TIMPVUE, UT	BYU



# TOP HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

## TOP BLUE CHIPS IN NORTHEAST

### QUARTERBACKS

DAN ELLIS	6-3	215	DOWNTOWN, PA
MIKE GAYDOSZ	6-1	190	ELWOOD CITY-RIVERSIDE, PA
JEFF PIERCE	6-4	190	BRICK MEMORIAL, NJ
MADEI WILLIAMS	6-3	188	PITTSBURGH-WOODLAND HILLINOIS, PA
BRIAN WILSON	6-1	190	ST. MARYLAND'S LYNN, MA

### RUNNING BACKS

LAVIAR ARRINGTON	6-3	225	PITTSBURGH-NORTH HILLINOIS, PA
KEVIN BARLOW	6-1	215	PITTSBURGH-PEABODY, PA
ANTHONY BOGAN	6-1	210	PASSAIC, NJ
COREY BROWN	5-8	160	TRENTON, NJ
MARCUS COLES	6-2	235	BUFFALO-TURNER-CARROLL, NY
CARLOS DANIELS	6-1	210	FARRELL, SC
SEAN FISHER	5-11	175	VALLEY VIEW, PA
NILES GERRY	6-3	230	PAWLING, NY
DARRELL GLOVER	6-0	180	ELIZABETH, NJ
KENNY HARRIS	5-10	185	BUFFALO-ST. JOSEPH'S, NY
HAROLD JACKSON	6-2	225	WILKES-BARRE G.A.R. MEMPHIS, PA
ISSAC JACKSON	6-2	175	CONCORDS-VILLINOISE GLEN MILLINOIS, PA
MIKE LEWIS	6-0	175	JERSEY CITY-LINCOLN, NJ
NICK MARTIN	6-1	220	SCITUATE, MA
RICK MENDENHALL	6-1	218	YARLEY-PENNSBURG, PA
JAMES MUNGRO	5-9	190	EAST STROUBSBURG, PA
JASON MURRAY	6-2	220	BELLE VERNON, PA
DAMON RAY	6-2	170	MOORESTOWN, NJ
KEVIN SINCLAIR	5-9	185	OCEAN CITY, NJ
VICTOR STRADER	5-10	170	PITTSBURGH-PENN HILLS, PA
TERRY STRICKLAND	6-1	205	PROVIDENCE, RI
LOFTON THOMPSON	6-2	192	
STAN WILLIS	6-2	180	PENNSAUKEN-BISHOP EUSTACE, NJ
STEVEN WILLIAMS	6-1	195	PATERSON-KENNEDY, NJ

### WIDE RECEIVERS

WILL BATTLE	6-3	185	SENECA FALLS-MYNDERSE ACAD., NY
LEE CARMICHAEL	6-4	190	GLOUCESTER-CATHOLIC, NJ
JEREMY COOPER	6-0	160	KINGSWAY, NJ
DAVE DAVIS	6-1	170	SYRACUSE-HENNINGER, NY
SALEEM DEBMAN	5-11	165	PHILADELPHIA-FRANKFORD, PA
DUSHAWN DORSEY	6-3	170	SOMERVILLE, NJ
DELIRIO FLETCHER	6-2	178	PITTSBURGH-WOODLAND HILLS, PA
ED GIDDINGS	6-2	175	PHILADELPHIA-UNIVERSITY CITY, PA
CHRIS HARRIS	6-2	200	BEDFORD, MA
QUENTON HARRIS	6-1	180	WILKES-BARRE-MEYERS, PA
NATHAN JACKSON	6-3	190	BUFFALO-RIVERSIDE, NY
JAMIL JACOBS	5-11	160	TEANECK, NJ
JEFF LOVE	5-10	165	CAMDEN-WILSON, NJ
RICK MOORE	5-11	175	PROSPECT PARK-INTERBORO, PA
KYLE PITTS	6-2	205	HARRISBURG, PA

### TIGHT ENDS

JASON CIPOT	6-7	230	NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ
RAYMOND FEAMSTER	6-3	235	PHILADELPHIA-MASTBAUM, PA
JEFF GROSS	6-5	240	NEWTOWN-COUNCIL ROCK, PA
BILLINOIS HAGAN	6-4	225	GLOUCESTER CITY, NJ
DWIGHT MALETTE	6-3	225	NEW BEDFORD, MA

### OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

JOHN AMERN	6-4	265	ROCHESTER-ATHENA, NY
MARTIN BIBLA	6-4	275	CRESTWOOD, PA
JASON BISSON	6-8	270	UPPER ST. CLAIR, PA
MIKE CALLAHAN	6-3	250	BELMONT HILLINOIS, MA
NICK CANNON	6-5	265	NEW CASTLE, PA
JORDAN CARUSO	6-4	260	MEDFORD LAKES-SHAWNEE, NJ
TOM CORY	6-4	280	NATRONA HTS-HIGHLANDS, PA
ANTHONY DARROW	6-6	305	SYRACUSE-FOWLER, NY
MATT DEAMARES	6-6	325	LOWELL, MA
JEFF HINSON	6-4	285	MEDFORD-LENAPE, NJ
LEE HUNTER	6-5	280	MOUNT PLEASANT, PA
RANDY JOHNSON	6-2	265	PATERSON-KENNEDY, NJ
MIKE JULIANO	6-3	265	PASSAIC VALLEY, NJ
JOHN KUSHMEK	6-5	315	PENNSAUKEN, NJ
TIM MCGOWAN	6-7	285	TOMS RIVER-NORTH, NJ
KAREEM MCKENZIE	6-6	310	WILLINGBORO, NJ
JOSH MITCHELL	6-5	283	BUCKINGHAM-C. BUCKS EAST, PA
TODD MOSSA	6-4	285	DARIEN, CT
UFONA PELE	6-3	240	CHERRY HILLS-EAST, NJ
BRIAN RATICA	6-6	285	GREATER LATROBE, PA
JEROME ROBERTSON	6-4	260	BUFFALO-CLEVELAND, NY
TIM SAMPLE	6-3	250	FALMOUTH, MA
DUANE WENSEL	6-4	260	NORTHERN LEHIGH, PA
DUANE WOODALL	6-4	260	BALDWINVILLE, NY

### DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

JOE HAYES	6-4	275	MT. HOLLY-RANOCAS VALLEY, NJ
RON HEADON	6-5	280	CAMDEN-WILSON, NJ
DERRICK JONES	6-3	255	COMSEWOQUE, NY
DAMIAN MALLERY	6-3	215	SYRACUSE-HENNINGER, NY

NATE RITZENHALER	6-3	240	MATIGNON, MA
RYAN SHERRY	6-4	245	MEDFORD LAKES-SHAWNEE, NJ
MEL SPICER	6-4	230	NEWARK, NJ

### LINEBACKERS

RASHAD DRYTON	6-2	210	NEWTON-NORTH, MA
RON GRAHAM	6-3	230	PITTSBURGH-PENN HILLS, PA
BARRIS GRANT	6-2	225	IRVINGTON, NJ
PERCY HAYES	6-2	215	BERWICK, PA
ERIC JONDRO	6-3	215	FOXBORO, MA
JOE MCKINNEY	6-4	240	MARS, PA
HAKIEM STEWART	6-2	205	ELIZABETH, NJ

### DEFENSIVE BACKS

RAVON ANDERSON	5-9	170	HOBOKEN, NJ
MARCUS BATTLE	5-9	170	NORTH BERGEN, NJ
RON ISRAEL	6-0	180	HADEON HEIGHTS, NJ
DENNIS MARTIN	6-0	195	ANGOLA-LAKE SHORE, NY
TODD PATTERSON	5-9	170	JERSEY CITY-DICKINSON, NJ
MALCOM SINGLETON	5-10	180	NEWARK-BARRINGER, NJ
JOVAN SMITH	5-11	175	SHEA, RI
MICAH WILLIAMS	5-10	170	ORANGE, NJ
CORY WIRE	6-2	205	CAMP HILLS CEDAR CLIFF, PA

### PLACEKICKERS

JOE RHODES	5-9	160	HIGHLAND REGIONAL, NJ
WOJTEK SZLEZAK	6-2	215	OLD BRIDGE, NJ

### ATHLETES

MIKE BYNUM	6-2	205	LANCASTER-McCAFFEY, PA
DONNITO PATRICK	6-3	175	BURLINGTON CITY, NJ

## TOP BLUE CHIPS IN ATLANTIC COAST

### QUARTERBACKS

MATT BAYS	6-2	185	NICKELVILLE-TWIN SPRINGS, VA
RONALD BRANCH	6-3	175	DUBLIN-PULASKI CO., VA
MYRON BROWN	6-4	200	WASHINGTON-DUNBAR, DC
WOODROW DANTZLER	6-2	190	ORANGEBURG-WILKINSON, SC
DAVID GARRARD	6-3	200	DURHAM-SOUTHERN DURHAM, NC
CLEVELAND KNIGHT	6-4	220	WASHINGTON-DUNBAR, DC
ERIK LIPTON	6-4	200	GAMBRILLS-ARUNDEL, MD
TIM OLMSTEAD	6-4	180	WOODBERRY FOREST, VA
CRAIG POWERS	6-4	195	SPENCER-NORTH ROWAN, NC
DENNY RANDOLPH	6-6	190	ALEXANDRIA-EDISON, VA
JASON THOMPSON	6-2	170	DAMASCUS, MD
CHRIS WILLETTS	6-4	185	ALEXANDRIA-WEST POTOMAC, VA

### RUNNING BACKS

JAVIS AUSTIN	6-0	185	DANIEL, SC
DONNIE BRYANT	6-1	185	BOONVILLE-STARSMOUNT, NC
LEJERIK CANNON	5-10	190	GREER, SC
FARDAN CARTER	5-10	180	COLUMBIA-OKLAND MILLS, MD
ALI CULPEPPER	5-11	195	BALTIMORE-DUNBAR, MD
JERMAINE DAVIS	6-4	225	CHESAPEE, SC
RICHARD DUDLEY	6-2	195	WALDORF-STONE, MD
NICK FENNELL	5-10	180	WASHINGTON-DUNBAR, DC
TYREE FOREMAN	6-0	210	SANDY SPRINGS-SHERWOOD, MD
JASON HATALA	5-11	170	CLIFTON-CENTREVILLE, VA
YUBRENAL ISABELLE	6-2	220	BLUEFIELD, WV
LAMONT JORDAN	5-11	205	SUTHLAND, MD
DAIN LEWIS	6-0	200	COLUMBIA-WILDE LAKE, MD
ASA MCCALL	5-9	180	WASHINGTON-EASTERN, DC
LUIS MORENO	6-2	235	CHARLOTTE-CATHOLIC, NC
P.J. MOYER	5-10	185	ROANOKE CATHOLIC, VA
JOHN PARKER	6-0	186	KING GEORGE, VA
CHRIS RAMSEUR	6-1	202	MAIDEN, NC
ANTHONY SANDERS	6-3	220	GREENSBORO-W. GUILFORD, NC
BILLINOIS SHAHAN	6-1	195	HAMBLETON-TUCKER CO., WV
DOMINIQUE STEVENSON	6-2	200	GAFFNEY, SC
MANTI VENABLE	6-2	180	MARTINSVILLE, VA
RONDELL WHITE	6-3	200	AMELIA CO., VA
ANTOINE WOMACK	6-0	200	HAMPTON-PHOEBUS, VA

### WIDE RECEIVERS

BRUCE BRANCH	6-1	178	RICHMOND-HUGUENOT, VA
JIMMY CALDWELL	5-10	160	WINSTON SALEM-MT. TABOR, NC
RICO GLADDEN	5-10	165	WASHINGTON-DUNBAR, DC
ELLIOTTE HARGROVE	6-5	215	BOILING SPRINGS-CREST, NC
TERRANCE KELLEY	6-2	195	WASHINGTON-PHELPS CAREER, DC
RHAMEEN LOVE LANE	6-4	195	CLEMONS-W. FORSYTHE, NC
KENDRICK MCCULLUM	6-1	176	LAMAR, SC
SHEIK PEARSON	6-2	200	WASHINGTON-CARDOZO, DC
MIKE PONDOS	6-5	205	PORTSMOUTH-NORCOM, VA
BRIAN SCOTT	6-3	195	DARLINGTON, SC
STEVE SHIPP	6-2	190	CHARLOTTE-W. CHARLOTTE, NC
DARREN WALTON	5-11	175	CHESAPEAKE-WESTERN BRANCH, VA

### TIGHT ENDS

JUSTIN BARRETT	6-4	250	LA PLATA, MD
MARCUS BRYSON	6-4	235	LAURENS, SC



# TOP HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

ERIC JAMES	6-3	230	WASHINGTON-ANACOSTIA, DC
NATE KRILLIS	6-7	255	MCLEAN, VA
RYAN WINGROVE	6-4	245	PARKERSBERG-SOUTH, WV

## OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

MICHAEL COLLINS	6-6	295	HICKORY, NC
TODD DAVIS	6-5	280	UNION, SC
BEN DYER	6-5	285	BALTIMORE-MT. ST. JOSEPH, MD
TIM FALLS	6-4	260	DAMASCUS, MD
DAVE GARNETT	6-4	300	GAITHERSBURG, MD
JOEL HOWINGTON	6-3	280	CLENDENIN-HOOVER, WV
JOSH LAWSON	6-6	270	WOODBRIIDGE-GARFIELD, VA
TOMMIE LORUM	6-6	315	WASHINGTON-DUNBAR, DC
KEN LYLE	6-5	314	OXON HILL-POTOMAC, MD
JASON McFEASTERS	6-4	265	CARY, NC
NEELY PAGE	6-4	260	AIKEN, SC
DAVID PUGH	6-3	265	AMHERST, VA
JAMAL REED	6-2	270	WASHINGTON-ANACOSTIA, DC
COREY WATTS	6-4	260	LAURENS, SC

## DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

CHUCK ALSTON	6-5	240	CAPITOL HEIGHTS-CENTRAL, MD
HOMER BUTCHER	6-5	275	LOGAN, WV
DAWANI FLADGER	6-5	265	MULLINS, SC
ISSAC JOHNSON	6-3	240	BLADENSBURG, MD
CLEVELAND PINCKNEY	6-2	265	SUMTER, SC
JAMAL REYNOLDS	6-4	225	AIKEN, SC
TYRONE ROBERTSON	6-4	260	G. WASHINGTON, VA
JUWANE SANDRIDGE	6-2	245	ST. JAMES, MD
BUDDY YOUNG	6-4	250	GLOUCESTER, VA

## LINEBACKERS

O'CONNOR ANDERSON	6-2	230	WASHINGTON-SPRINGGARN, DC
BEN BACOT	6-1	230	MYRTLE BEACH, SC
GEORGE BROWN	6-4	225	LYNCHBURG-E.C. GLASS, VA
IAN BUTLER	6-1	223	WEST POTOMAC, VA
BRANDON CAIN	6-2	215	WINSTON SALEM-REYNOLDS, NC
PERNELL GRIFFIN	6-3	220	WILLIAMSTON, NC
CAMM JACKSON	6-0	195	AMHERST, VA
D'ANGELO LLOYD	6-6	225	CHARLOTTE-INDEPENDENCE, NC
JIMMY PARKER	6-4	245	MOUNT HOPE, WV
DEVON SIMMONS	6-0	200	HIGHLAND SPRINGS, VA

## DEFENSIVE BACKS

WILLIE BENNETT	5-6	150	WASHINGTON-WOODSON, DC
DURON BRYAN	6-0	175	GREAT MILLS, MD
KHARY DARLINGTON	6-0	175	DOVER, DE
JAMIN ELLIOTT	5-11	175	PORTSMOUTH-CHURCHLAND, VA
KEVIN ELROD	6-0	170	LEE DAVIS, VA
TONY JACKSON	6-2	200	COLUMBIA-WILDE LAKE, MD
GARNETT McDANIEL	6-1	180	LYNCHBURG-E.C. GLASS, VA
MIKE McILVAIN	6-2	180	VIRGINIA BEACH-COX, VA
CHRIS MOSS	5-11	185	ST. ALBANS, WV
OMAR OWENS	6-0	175	OXON HILL, MD
QUINARD REED	6-0	200	WASHINGTON-PHELPS CAREER, DC

## ATHLETES

JAMES BOYD	6-1	190	CHESAPEAKE-DEEP CREEK, VA
ANATHAN GIBSON	5-11	180	SENECA, SC
DARYL WALTON	5-11	175	CHESAPEAKE-WESTERN BRANCH, VA

# TOP BLUE CHIPS IN SOUTHEAST

## QUARTERBACKS

JEFFREY AARON	6-2	190	MONTGOMERY-DAVIS, AL
KEITH COTTRELL	6-3	190	ORLANDO-BOONE, FL
ROHAN DAVEY	6-3	200	HALEAH-MIAMI LAKES, FL
MATT HOWARD	6-4	205	ST. AUGUSTINE-NEASE, FL
KENNY KELLY	6-3	180	TAMPA-CATHOLIC, FL
ROMARO MILLER	6-2	190	SHANNON, MS
JASON STANRIDGE	6-4	205	HEWITT-TRUSSVILLE, AL

## RUNNING BACKS

DEMONTRAY CARTER	5-11	170	PENSACOLA, FL
BRIAN COLE	5-8	155	MERIDIAN, MS
ADAM COX	6-1	210	JASPER-WALKER, AL
TONY DRIVER	6-3	210	LOUISVILLE-MALE, KY
TANNY FLOWERS	5-8	175	STARKVILLE, MS
AUDRELL GRACE	5-11	175	SYLVANIA-SCREVEN CO., GA
DEREK HOMER	5-11	190	FT. KNOL, KY
KEVIN JONES	5-10	180	BATESVILLE-S. PANOLA, MS
MAXFIELD JOSEPH	6-0	215	ORLANDO-OAK RIDGE, FL
JAMAL LEWIS	6-3	230	ATLANTA-DOUGLASS, GA
ADRIAN PETERSON	5-10	190	ALACHUA-SANTA FE, FL
ROMI ROBINSON	6-3	210	FRANKLIN CO., KY
NICK ROGERS	6-2	200	ATLANTA-ST. PIUS, GA
JASPER SANKS	6-3	215	COLUMBUS-CARVER, GA
JEROME SMITH	6-2	210	WISSIMMEE-POINCIANA, FL
TRAVIS STEVENS	5-10	175	CLARKSVILLE-NORTHEAST, TN
ANTONEYO WILLIAMS	6-0	200	TUSCALOOSA-CENTRAL, AL

KELSA WILLIAMS	6-1	210	HUMBOLDT, TN
STEPHEN WOODS	6-0	210	CLEVELAND, TN

## WIDE RECEIVERS

HERMAN BANKS	6-0	170	HARTSELLE, AL
JAMES BURROUGHS	6-3	185	PAHOKEE, FL
KENNY COOK	5-8	170	ROSWELL, GA
RASHEED GOLDEN	5-10	170	NAPLES-COLLIER, FL
CHARLES HARLEY	6-3	205	POMPANO BEACH-ELY, FL
KENYON HAMBRICK	6-2	170	HUNTSVILLE-JOHNSON, AL
BRIAN HAUGABROOK	6-2	190	WILDWOOD, FL
CARLO HEARD	6-4	205	LAGRANGE, GA
ORLANDO IGLESIAS	6-2	190	MIAMI-CORAL PARK, FL
DARRELL JACKSON	6-1	175	TAMPA-CATHOLIC, FL
RASHOD JONES	6-0	180	OCALA-VANGUARD, FL
SHALANDO JONES	6-2	183	POINTOTOC, MS
CARLOS SPIKES	6-1	180	TALLAHASSEE-FLA CHRISTIAN, FL
VINNIE SUTHERLAND	5-10	175	WEST PALM BEACH-PLM BCH LAKES, FL
EDDIE WILLIAMS	6-4	210	TALLAHASSEE-LINCOLN, FL
SURMANDRAE WILLIAMS	5-8	170	MIAMI-NORTHWESTERN, FL

## TIGHT ENDS

ANTONIO DAVIS	6-3	220	GROVE HILL-CLARKE CO., AL
MARVIN DAVIS	6-6	235	EASTMAN CO., GA
CURT MCGILL	6-4	235	SNELLVILLE-BROOKWOOD, GA

## OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

BRANTON ANDERSON	6-5	260	FRANKLIN-SIMPSON, KY
RONALD BOLDIN	6-6	270	PAHOKEE, FL
COSEY COLEMAN	6-6	300	DECATUR-SHAMROCK, GA
WILLIE COMERFIELD	6-5	280	ST. PETERSBURG-GIBBS, FL
DARRYL DUPREE	6-3	295	DECATUR-S.W. DeKALB, GA
DAMIAN GRIFFIN	6-3	280	MIAMI-NORTHWESTERN, FL
DeCOURYE HAMPTON	6-7	305	MEMPHIS-WESTWOOD, TN
TAM HOPKINS	6-5	310	CASSEBERRY LAKE-HOWELL, FL
TERRENCE METCALF	6-4	288	CLARKSDALE, MS
ERIC STRANGE	6-5	285	ORLANDO-BOONE, FL
FRED WEARY	6-5	260	MONTGOMERY-LEE, AL

## DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

MUSKINGUM BARNES	6-2	245	MOSS POINT, MS
DE-TE ORLANDO DANTZLER	6-4	235	PURVIS, MS
DORSETT DAVIS	6-6	275	CLEVELAND-EAST SIDE, MS
CHARLTON DORSEY	6-6	300	JACKSONVILLE-BOLLES, FL
KENNARD ELLIS	6-4	225	ORLANDO-DR. PHILLIPS, FL
SAM MATTHEWS	6-6	275	JACKSONVILLE-BOLLES, FL
SHAWN MCCOY	6-3	260	HOMESTEAD-S. DADE, FL
MELVIN RICHEY	6-4	292	DECATUR-S.W. DeKALB, GA
KENNY SMITH	6-4	285	MERIDIAN, MS
KEVIN THOMAS	6-7	270	ATLANTA-LAKESIDE, GA
GERARD WARREN	6-3	290	LAKE BUTLER-UNION CO., FL
JOSH WELDON	6-4	260	CORDELE-CRISP CO., GA

## LINEBACKERS

CORTEZ ALLEN	6-1	225	DECATUR-S.W. DeKALB, GA
TRAVIS CARROLL	6-4	225	JACKSONVILLE-BOLLES, FL
BRYANT CHERRY	6-2	210	JACKSON, TN
KEVIN DANSEY	6-3	210	BIRMINGHAM-ENSLEY, AL
ANDRA DAVIS	6-3	220	LIVE OAK-SUWANNEE, FL
SAM HAIRSTON	6-2	217	FT. WALTON-CHOCTAWHATCHEE, FL
DARION HUTCHERSON	6-1	210	ATLANTA-DOUGLASS, GA
EDWARD JOHNSON	6-0	220	JACKSON-PROVINE, MS
TITO LEE	5-10	210	BRENTWOOD-ACADEMY, TN
MAT MILLER	6-3	200	ATLANTA-MARIST, GA
REGGIE POOLE	6-4	225	CEDARTOWN, GA

## DEFENSIVE BACKS

ROBERT CARSWELL	6-1	200	STONE MOUNTAIN, GA
TONY DIXON	6-2	190	REFORM-PICKENS CO., AL
MARKESSE FITZGERALD	6-0	175	ST. PETERSBURG-HOLLINS, FL
MAURICE FITZGERALD	6-0	175	NASHVILLE-PEARL COHN, TN
DERRICK GIBSON	6-3	195	MIAMI-KILLIAN, FL
DEON GRANT	6-4	195	AUGUSTA-JOSEY, GA
RONTE LANGS	5-11	180	MEMPHIS-WHITEHAVEN, TN
WILLIE OFFORD	6-2	180	PALATKA, FL
ROB PATE	6-2	200	ERWIN, AL
STANFORD SIMMONS	6-3	190	ASHLAND-CLAY CO., AL
KEITH STRONG	6-2	190	ATHENS-CEDAR SHOALS, GA
ARMARK TOLBERT	6-1	185	AUGUSTA-JOSEY, GA

## PLACEKICKER

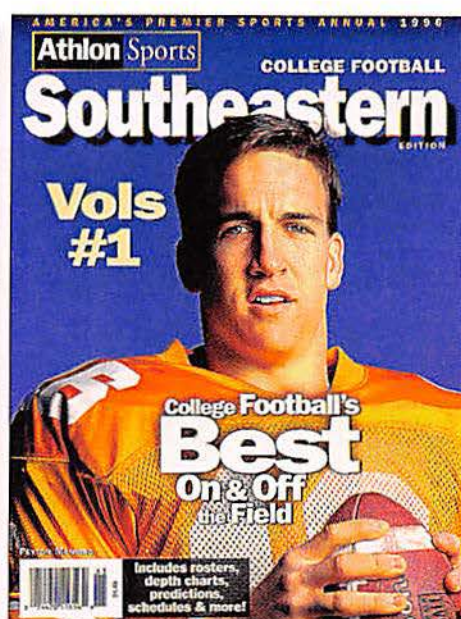
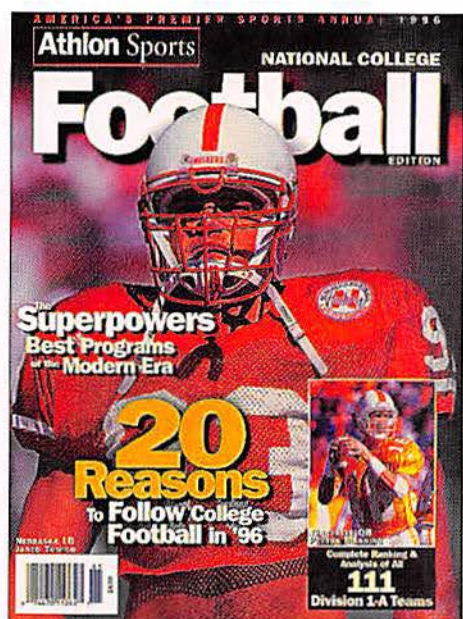
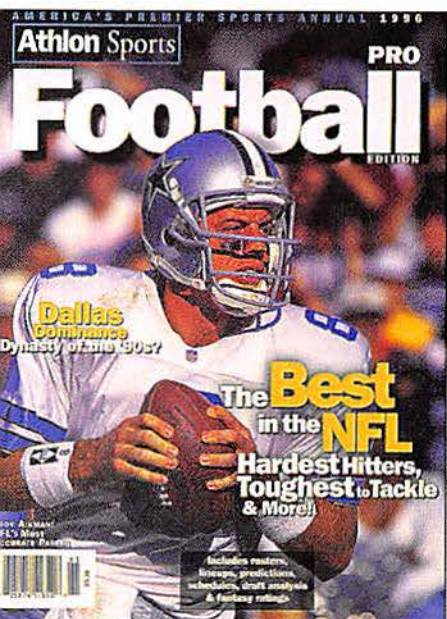
T.J. TUCKER	6-3	215	NEW PORT RICHEY RIVER RIDGE, FL
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## ATHLETES

LEO BARNES	6-2	195	HATTIESBURG, MS
MARQUEL BLACKWELL	6-1	180	ST. PETE-DIXIE HOLLINS, FL
JAMAL DINKINS	6-2	220	JACKSON-PROVINE, MS
JOHN HOLMES	6-0	170	LADERDALE-LAKES-ANDERSON, FL
AUSTIN KEMP	6-4	215	BRENTWOOD-ACADEMY, TN
DEE MILLER	6-2	190	SOUTHAVEN, MS
CLIFTON ROBINSON	5-10	170	NAPLES-BARRON COLLIER, FL
ANDREW ZOW	6-3	205	LAKE BUTLER-UNION CO., FL



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# TOP HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

## TOP BLUE CHIPS IN SOUTH CENTRAL

### QUARTERBACKS

JAY DARR	6-2	185	GLEN ROSE, AR
MATT SCHOBEL	6-3	205	COLUMBUS, TX
EDMOND STANSBERRY	6-3	200	EL PASO ERVIN, TX

### RUNNING BACKS

CORY CALLENS	6-3	235	JENKS, OK
ANTHONY DENMON	6-3	195	RUSK, TX
DEREK GARY	6-0	180	SAN ANTONIO-CHURCHILL, TX
ERIC GOODEN	6-2	205	MIDWEST CITY, OK
ROGER JENKINS	6-1	180	DALLAS-SPRUCE, TX
RON JOHNSON	5-11	205	PINE BLUFF-WATSON CHAPEL, AR
FRED JOURNEY	6-0	180	GARLAND-LAKEVIEW CENTRAL, TX
DeANDRE LEWIS	5-9	180	ALDINE, TX
TRAVIS MINOR	6-1	190	BATON ROUGE-CATHOLIC, LA
TWONE SIMMONS	5-10	195	THORNDALE, TX
ERIC TASBY	5-11	180	CORPUS CHRISTI-CARROLL, TX
ANTHONY THOMAS	6-2	220	WYNNEFIELD, LA
JAVON WALKER	6-2	220	LAFAYETTE-ST. THOMAS MORE, LA
GERRARD WHITAKER	6-1	160	HOUSTON-C.E. KING, TX
REGGIE WHITE	6-1	185	LIBERTY, TX
JAQUAY WILBURN	5-9	170	ODESSA-PERMAN, TX
DONALD WILLIAMS	6-0	190	ALDINE, TX
DAWAYNE WOODS	5-10	185	SUDDEN-SALMEN, LA

### WIDE RECEIVERS

DAVID AARON	6-4	185	MARSHALL, TX
ABRAM BOOTY	6-3	180	SHREVEPORT-EVANGEL, LA
BRANDON CLARK	6-4	185	VALLEY CENTER, KS
ADRIAN ELLIS	6-2	180	CLEVELAND, TX
REGGIE GERMANY	6-2	180	ST. LOUIS-HAZELWOOD E., MO
AHMED KADBA	6-2	190	MOORE-WESTMOORE, OK
JULIUS McMILLIAN	6-0	185	ALTUS, OK
REGGIE WAYNE	6-1	175	MARRERO-EHRET, LA
ROBERT WILLIAMS	6-4	210	DALLAS-BISHOP LYNCH, TX

### TIGHT ENDS

CHRIS BROOKS	6-4	235	NEWTON, TX
JAROD HOLLAND	6-3	225	LAWTON-EISENHOWER, OK
RYAN HUMPHREY	6-7	210	TULSA-B.T. WASHINGTON, OK
ED KELLY	6-5	250	ALDINE-McARTHUR, TX
KYLE KIPPS	6-5	245	LAFAYETTE-COMEAUX, LA
TANGO McCAULEY	6-3	230	OKLAHOMA CITY-MARSHALL, OK
MARCELLUS RIVERS	6-3	205	OKLAHOMA CITY-DOUGLAS, OK

### OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

KRIS CALLAIS	6-3	280	SOLAFOURCHE, LA
ADRIAN COLE	6-3	295	ALDINE-NIMITZ, TX
LEONARD DAVIS	6-6	320	WORTHAM, TX
JAKE HARRIGER	6-3	260	BROKEN ARROW, OK
DENNIS JONES	6-7	250	DALLAS-SPRUCE, TX
LYNN LARABEE	6-3	260	OKLAHOMA CITY-WESTERN HTS., OK
SETH McKINNEY	6-4	265	AUSTIN-WESTLAKE, TX
JAMES MILLER	6-5	300	McALISTER, OK
LUKE NICHOLS	6-5	270	BEAUMONT-KELLY, TX
ANDRE PITTMAN	6-4	305	HOUSTON-LAMAR, TX
DEVANE ROBINSON	6-3	250	MIDWEST CITY, OK
JOHN RUTHERFORD	6-3	255	MIDWEST CITY, OK
DAVID SHERROD	6-6	275	ATKINS, AR
RYAN SMITH	6-3	255	MALVERNE, AR

### DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

ROBERT BERNARD	6-4	265	BAYTOWN-STERLING, TX
DARRYL BRIGHT	6-5	230	TULSA-B.T. WASHINGTON, OK
BRIAN HENNIGER	6-3	220	CV CREEK, TX
KENNETH JACKSON	6-3	280	NEW ORLEANS-ST.AUG., LA
RODERICK KELLY	6-6	250	HOUSTON-YATES, TX
TANGO McCAULEY	6-4	230	OKLA CITY-MARSHALL, OK
NORMAN McKINNEY	6-3	310	FT. WORTH-DUNBAR, TX
ERNE MOORE	6-6	240	SUDDEN-SALMEN, LA
THOMAS PITTMAN	6-4	255	RESERVE E. ST. JOHN, LA
CORNELIUS ROBERTSON	6-5	290	ST. MARTINSVILLE, LA
J.D. SIMPSON	6-3	275	EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MO
JUQUA THOMAS	6-2	215	ALDINE, TX
DAVID WARREN	6-5	240	TYLER, TX
De'NARD WHITFIELD	6-4	215	DENISON, TX
ADRIAN WILSON	6-4	295	DALLAS-CARTER, TX

### LINEBACKERS

MONTY BEISEL	6-4	215	VICTORIA, KS
ROYLIN BRADLEY	6-2	215	LAMARQUE, TX
TYRONE BULB	6-2	195	EWID, OK
JARRETT ERWIN	6-2	220	CORPUS CHRISTI-CALLEN, TX
GRANT IRONS	6-5	210	CONROE-McCULLOUGH, TX
TONY PETERS	6-1	215	SAPULPA, OK

### DEFENSIVE BACKS

BUBBA BABI	6-2	185	ADA, OK
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DANNY BLACK	5-10	165	GREENVILLE, TX
DEREK DORRIS	6-2	180	AZLE, TX
EDWIN GARRETT	5-10	165	BAYTOWN-LEE, TX
JASON GLENN	6-2	200	ALDINE-NIMITZ, TX
COREY HARRIS	5-10	180	HOUSTON-CLEAR BROOK, TX
LARRY HOLLINQUEST	6-2	190	HOUSTON-SAM HOUSTONSTON, TX
QUENTON JAMMER	6-0	170	ANGLETON, TX
JERMAINE JONES	6-2	175	DALLAS-CARTER, TX
CLARENCE LeBLANC	6-4	195	RIVER RIDGE-CURTIS, LA
CHRIS LEWIS	5-10	175	DALLAS-CARTER, TX
WARDICUS LEWIS	6-0	180	TATUM, TX
J.J. MATHIS	6-0	185	PAMPA, TX
JOHN NORMAN	6-3	190	MIDLAND-LEE, TX
STANLEY PETERS	5-8	170	PAULS VALLEY, OK
MARCUS RIGGS	6-1	195	HOUSTON-YATES, TX
ROD SHEPARD	6-1	180	TYLER-CHAPEL HILLINOIS, TX
JOE WALKER	6-1	180	NORTH SHORE, TX
EARL WILLIAMS	5-11	170	HAHNVILLE, LA
DERRICK YATES	6-3	200	HOUSTON-WASHINGTON, TX

### PLACEKICKER

JEFF FERGUSON	5-11	170	TULSA-HOLLAND HALL, OK
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### ATHLETES

STERLING GILBERT	5-10	170	SAN ANGELO-LAKEVIEW, TX
OTIS GODFREY	5-11	170	HOUSTON-KASHMERE, TX
JAMAL JONES	6-1	190	DALLAS-CARTER, TX
AARON OLIVER	6-1	180	TULSA-MEMORIAL, OK
JARROD REESE	6-3	210	SEMINOLE, OK
J.T. THATCHER	6-1	175	NORMAN, OK
ERIC WHIZENANT	6-1	175	MULDROW, OK

## TOP BLUE CHIPS IN MIDWEST

### QUARTERBACKS

ERIC CROUCH	6-1	185	MILLARD-NORTH, NE
LORENZO GUESS	6-3	185	WYNE, MI
GAVIN HOFFMAN	6-6	200	MINNEAPOLIS-BRECK, MN
ROB JOHNSON	6-4	195	PLYMOUTH-CANTON, MI
ZACK KUSTOCK	6-3	185	ORLAND PARK-SANDBURG, IL
BRANDON RODGERS	6-2	195	CINCINNATI-WITHROW, OH
JOE YOUNG	6-2	180	HARPER WOODS-GALLAGHER, MI

### RUNNING BACKS

BILLINGS ANDREWS	6-0	205	OAK LAWN-RICHARDS, IL
IDI BEARD	6-0	185	FLINT-NORTHERN, MI
CURTIS BLANDON	6-2	215	DANVILLE, IL
JAMES HARRISON	6-0	205	AKRON-COVENTRY, OH
JIMMY HENRY	6-1	175	DETROIT-PERSHING, MI
DWAYNE HOGAN	6-1	210	INDIANAPOLIS-BEN DAVIS, IN
CARLOS HONORE	5-11	185	IOWA CITY-WEST, IA
RAY JACKSON	6-2	225	INDIANAPOLIS-LAWRENCE CENTRAL, IN
DONDRÉ JOHNSON	6-1	210	KOKOMO, IN
BRIAN MARSHALL	5-10	195	BIRMINGHAM-RICE, MI
LOUIS MEDINA	5-10	175	NEW LENOX, IL
MICHAEL MULLEN	6-0	175	FLINT-CENTRAL, MI
SEAN PENNY	6-2	215	YOUNGSTOWN-URSULINE, OH
GREG SIMPSON	6-1	215	DUBLIN-SOCIOTO, OH
ROBERT SMITH	6-1	200	DETROIT-KING, MI
ISREAL THOMPSON	6-1	200	MARTINSVILLE, IN
LEVON WILLIAMS	6-3	195	EVANSVILLE-BOSSE, IN

### WIDE RECEIVERS

ANTWON ALLEN	5-10	175	CINCINNATI-WOODS, OH
ERNEST BROWN	6-2	175	HUBER HTS-WAYNE, OH
CHARLIE CAMPBELL	6-3	170	YOUNGSTOWN-LIBERTY, OH
CHRIS CHAMBERS	6-1	175	BEDFORD, OH
SAM CRENSHAW	6-3	200	YOUNGSTOWN-RAYEN, OH
ADRIAN DAN	6-0	180	DAYTON-PATTERSON, OH
JAMAR GARY	6-3	185	MADISON-EAST, WI
RENALDO HILL	6-0	170	DETROIT-CHADSEY, MI
TEDDY JOHNSON	6-1	180	ELGIN-LARKIN, IL
JAMES MURPHY	6-3	190	KANKAKEE, IL

### TIGHT ENDS

KEVIN CRANE	6-4	220	WALLED LAKE-WESTERN, MI
OMARI JORDAN	6-7	245	CLEVELAND-COLLINGWOOD, OH
JASON KEMBLE	6-6	245	CANFIELD, OH
ROBBIE LONG	6-3	245	CHAMPAIGN-CENTENAL, IL
JOEL MESMAN	6-3	235	GRAND RAPIDS-S. CHRISTIAN, MI
JACE SAYLER	6-5	245	McHENRY, IL
TIM STRATTON	6-4	215	ELMHURST-YORK, IL
KEVIN BELL	6-4	225	HILLSIDE-PROVISIO WEST, IL
BILLINGS SEYMOUR	6-4	220	MISHAWAKA-PENN. IN
HUBERT THOMPSON	6-6	255	HILLSIDE-PROVISIO WEST, IL

### OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

MIKE BODNAR	6-4	290	YOUNGSTOWN-BOARDMAN, OH
JASON BROOKS	6-4	270	CLEVELAND-ST. IGNATIUS, OH
RICH CHORAK	6-3	255	CHICAGO-MT. CARMEL, IL



MIKE COLLINS	6-5	270	NEWARK, OH
JOE HARTINGS	6-4	240	ST. HENRY, OH
JEROME HILDRETH	6-6	290	CHICAGO-MARSHALL, IL
JOSH JAKUBOWSKI	6-6	318	SCHOEFIELD EVEREST, WI
BRENDON JOHNSON	6-5	295	RIVER FALLS, WI
MATT KUTSCHER	6-5	290	MENTOR LAKE-CATHOLIC, OH
BEN MAST	6-4	285	MASSILLON-WASHINGTON, OH
SHAWN MURPHY	6-5	280	CINNELDER, OH
ROCKY NEASE	6-5	285	TERRE HAUTE NORTH, IN
JOSH PARRISH	6-5	295	WESTERVILLE-SOUTH, OH
JON RYDER	6-5	295	PERRYSSBURG, OH
BEN SOBIESKI	6-4	270	MAHOMET, MN
DAVE VOLK	6-5	260	BATTLE CREEK, NE

#### DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

ADAM ADKINS	6-4	255	TROY, MI
TONY BROWN	6-3	260	DAYTON PATTERSON, OH
DERRICK BURNS	6-5	275	EDEEN PRARIE, MN
ANWAR COOPER	6-6	245	CINCINNATI-HUGHES, OH
JEREMY DOX	6-4	265	ST. PAUL-CRETIN-DURHAM, MN
AARON HABERMAN	6-4	260	HARTLAND-ARROWHEAD, WI
JOHN KELLEY	6-3	265	COLUMBUS-DESALES, OH
LARRY KING	6-4	245	LANSING-SEXTON, MI
ANTHONY MORRIS	6-2	290	DETROIT-KING, MI
JASON PTAKE	6-3	255	WYANDOTTE, MI
BEN PULFER	6-6	270	SIDNEY, OH
HEATH QUEEN	6-5	255	LODI-CLOVERLEAF, OH
MAURICE WILLIAMS	6-6	275	DETROIT-PERSHING, MI
MARK ZACKERY	6-2	255	INDIANAPOLIS-BEN DAVIS, IN

#### LINEBACKERS

KURT ANDERSON	6-5	220	GLENVIEW, IL
ANDY BALLING	6-4	225	GROVE CITY, OH
TORRANCE CRADDETH	6-3	218	ORCHARD LAKE-ST. MARYLAND'S, MI
NAPOLEON HARRIS	6-4	210	HARVEY THORNTON, IL
REGGIE HAYWARD	6-5	220	DOLTON-THORNBRIDGE, IL
JASON MANSON	6-3	210	TROY, OH
JASON OTT	6-4	235	CINCINNATI-ELDER, OH
JEFF SHUTBITSKY	6-1	220	PRARIE VIEW-STEPHENSON, IL
MATT STEWART	6-5	200	COLUMBUS-DESALES, OH
T.J. TURNER	6-4	235	HILLSBORO, OH

#### DEFENSIVE BACKS

MIKE CLINKSCALE	6-1	190	YOUNGSTOWN-CHANEY, OH
JOE COOPER	6-1	200	COLUMBUS-INDEPENDENCE, OH
ROBERT FOSTER	5-9	170	AARON-BUCHTEL, OH
JAMIE GRANT	5-10	185	NEW ALBANY, IN
ABDULAH MUHAMMAD	6-1	185	EAST LANSING, MI
RICHARD NEWSOME	6-0	175	FOSTORIA, OH

ERIC PARKER	6-1	170	JOLIET TWP., IL
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#### PLACEKICKERS

PKT GIBSON	5-11	155	WALLED LAKE-WESTERN, MI
BRENDEN RAUH	5-10	165	DUBLIN-SOCIETY, OH

#### ATHLETES

KYLE VANDEN BONDCH	6-5	235	INWOOD-WEST LYON, IA
MARK FLOERSCH	6-4	185	WINNET NEW TRIER, IL
JASON FRYSSINGER	6-4	225	GROSSE ILE, MI
ANTWAAN RANDLE EL	5-11	175	HARVEY-THORNTON, IL
DARNELL SANDERS	6-5	215	WARRENSVILLE HTS., OH

## TOP BLUE CHIPS IN WESTERN

#### QUARTERBACKS

TODD MORTENSEN	6-4	200	TEMPE, AZ
DAVID CARR	6-3	180	BAKERSFIELD-STOCKDALE, CA
GREG CICERO	6-4	180	ANAHEIM-SERVITE, CA
RANDY FASAN	6-3	200	LOOMIS-DEL ORO, CA
PETER HANSEN	6-6	180	PALO ALTO, CA
DREW MILLER	6-1	187	TACOMA LAKES, WA
AUSTIN MOHERMAN	6-4	190	MISSION VIEJO-CAPISTRANO VALLEY, CA

#### RUNNING BACKS

ART GIPSON	5-11	210	FONTANA, CA
MALEAFOU MACKENZIE	6-0	210	MISSION VIEJO-CAPISTRANO VALLEY, CA
DARNELL McDONALD	5-11	190	CHERRY CREEK, CO
JAMAR SHEPPARD	6-1	195	SAN FRANCISCO-SACRED HEART, CA
DION BOOKER	6-2	185	OCEANSIDE-EL CAMINO, CA
ADAM DAVIS	6-1	170	AURORA-HINKLEY, CO
LEROY EASTER	5-10	175	FRESNO-MCLANE, CA
CURTIS EDWARDS	6-2	175	RIVERSIDE-RUBIDOUX, CA
MARCUS FIELD	6-3	190	STOCKTON-STAGG, CA
EDDIE GAYLES	5-9	180	SEATTLE-KENNEDY, WA
PATRICK McCALL	5-11	180	CARSON, CA
LARRY McDONALD	5-9	165	STOCKTON-FRANKLIN, CA
MIKE McGEE	5-10	205	BELLVIEW-INTERLAKE, WA
JOVIAN MILLER	6-2	215	MIRAPOSA, CA
TYLER NEINAST	6-2	220	YUMA-CIBOLA, AZ
RICHARD PAGE	6-0	205	SAN JOSE-OVERFELT, CA

JAMES RICHARDSON	5-11	190	SAN JOSE-GUNDERSON, CA
DUAN RUFF	5-9	170	DENVER-MULLEN, CO
CHARLES THARP	5-9	180	MOUNTAIN VIEW-ST. FRANCIS, CA
JOE WYETH	6-1	190	COLORADO SPRINGS-PALMER, CO

#### WIDE RECEIVERS

DALLAS DAVIS	5-9	170	FT. COLLINS, CO
ROMAN HOLLOWELL	5-9	170	DENVER-MULLEN, CO
KENYON RAMBO	6-1	185	LONG BEACH-POLY, CA
GEORGE WILLIAMS	6-1	175	STOCKTON-FRANKLIN, CA
EDDIE GORDON	5-10	170	SAN LORENZO, CA
CODY JOYCE	6-0	185	NEWMALL-HART, CA
ROSSI MARTIN	6-0	175	OAK GROVE, CA
PATRICK REDDICK	5-10	180	NEWBURY PARK, CA
JUSTIN TAPLIN	6-0	170	TEMPE, AZ

#### TIGHT ENDS

DAN ENGEL	6-3	130	LAKEWOOD, CO
ANTOINE HARRIS	6-4	225	LOS ANGELES-LOYOLA, CA
DONNELL BURCH	6-4	240	FRESNO-SAN JOAQUIN, CA
LONNIE FORD	6-3	215	SAN DIEGO-MORSE, CA
CORY SMITH	6-5	225	GALT, CA

#### OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

KODY HERGERT	6-4	170	COLORADO SPRINGS-RAMPART, CO
BRYAN KULA	6-4	275	PHOENIX-BROPHY PREP, AZ
JOE MAJOR	6-4	290	REDMOND, WA
BRIAN POLAK	6-5	305	LA PUENTE-BISHOP AMAT, CA
MIKE VOLLERS	6-6	265	HONOLULU-PUNAHOU-HOUSTON, HI
KYLE BENY	6-4	285	SEATTLE-O'DEA, WA
CRAIG BROOKS	6-3	265	RICHMOND-LOGAN, CA
MATT GRIFFITH	6-6	285	KENTRIDGE, WA
NIC HAWKINS	6-5	305	VISALIA-MT. WHITNEY
BRANDON HOOPES	6-5	275	WEST LINN, OR
SCOTT JACKSON	6-5	290	ROLLING HILLS-PENINSULA, CA
ROBERT LOYZA	6-6	280	RIVERSIDE-NORTE VISTA, CA
RANDY ORTEGA	6-5	315	WHELAN-HARDEN, AZ
RON PRICE	6-3	275	S.J. HILLINOS, CA
VICTOR ROGERS	6-7	290	FEDERAL WAY-DECATUR, WA
KURT VOLLERS	6-7	270	ANAHEIM-SERVITE, CA
MIKE WAMBOLT	6-4	270	NEWMALL-HART, CA
JOSH WRIGHT	6-6	280	KAMAK, WA
RALPH ZARATE	6-4	260	TUCSON, AZ

#### DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

ANDRE CARTER	6-4	230	OAK GROVE, CA
DAVID HENSON	6-5	275	GLENDAL-CACTUS, AZ
WELTON KAGE	6-4	245	SACRAMENTO-CENTER, CA
JASON KALFASI	6-4	245	SALT LAKE CITY-EAST, UT
BRIAN KERSTON	6-2	225	WOODINVILLE, WA
AUSTIN LEE	6-5	245	POST FALL, ID
JASSAC MORRIS	6-2	245	SEATTLE-SHORECREST, WA
RYAN NEILSEN	6-4	225	SIMI VALLEY-ROYAL, CA
ANTHONY THOMAS	6-3	250	PASADENA, CA

#### LINEBACKERS

DARRELL DANIELS	6-2	210	SAN FERNANDO, CA
ZACH MORENO	6-3	230	CHULA VISTA-CASTLE PARK
MIKE BURKE	6-1	110	DENVER-MULLEN, CO
CHINO CHIRAMONTE	6-3	225	SOQUEL, CA
TRACY HUNT	6-2	205	FRESNO-WASHINGTON, CA
MICHAEL POLLARD	6-1	215	LONG BEACH-POLY, CA
TIM SHEAR	6-2	215	JUNCTION CITY, OR

#### DEFENSIVE BACKS

IFE OHALETE	6-2	205	LOS ALAMITOS, CA
AUTUAN SIMMONS	5-11	185	SACRAMENTO-VALLEY, CA
DREW SMITH	5-10	170	GOLDEN, CO
MARQUES TUSA-SOSOPO	6-2	210	WOODINVILLE, WA
TONY WALKER	6-0	175	LANCASTER-AVELOPE VALLEY, CA
SAM BRANSON	6-2	180	RIVERSIDE-NORTH, CA
ALBUS BROOKS	6-1	180	CLAREMONT, CA
DEWEY HALE	6-1	185	OAKLAND-FREMONT, CA
KAMRON JONES	5-9	175	NAPA, CA
DARRYL KNIGHT	6-2	200	RIVERSIDE-RUBIDOUX, CA
ANTHONY LUMBRICK	6-1	190	OAKLAND-SKYLINE, CA
JASON STEPHENS	6-2	180	REDLANDS, CA
JULIUS THOMPSON	5-10	170	LOOMIS-DEL ORO, CA
LAMONT THOMPSON	6-2	180	EL CERRITO, CA
FRED WASHINGTON	5-10	170	OAKLAND-O'DOWD, CA

#### PLACEKICKER

JIM SKURSKI	5-8	170	SEATTLE-O'DEA, WA
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#### ATHLETES

ROBERT JACKSON	6-1	185	CORVALLIS-CRESENT VALLEY, OR
ROD PERRY, JR.	5-11	180	SANTA ANA-MATER DEI, CA
NATE WRIGHT, JR.	5-10	175	SAN DIEGO-PT. LOMA, CA
ANTHONY CONLEY	5-10	175	SEATTLE-R.B., WA
TREVOR MOORE	6-1	175	KINGMAN, AZ
DERRANE TAYLOR	6-0	175	SACRAMENTO-JOHNSON, CA
FRANK GREEN	6-3	220	BUTTE, MT
JEFF PETERSON	6-1	190	RENO-WOOSTER, NV

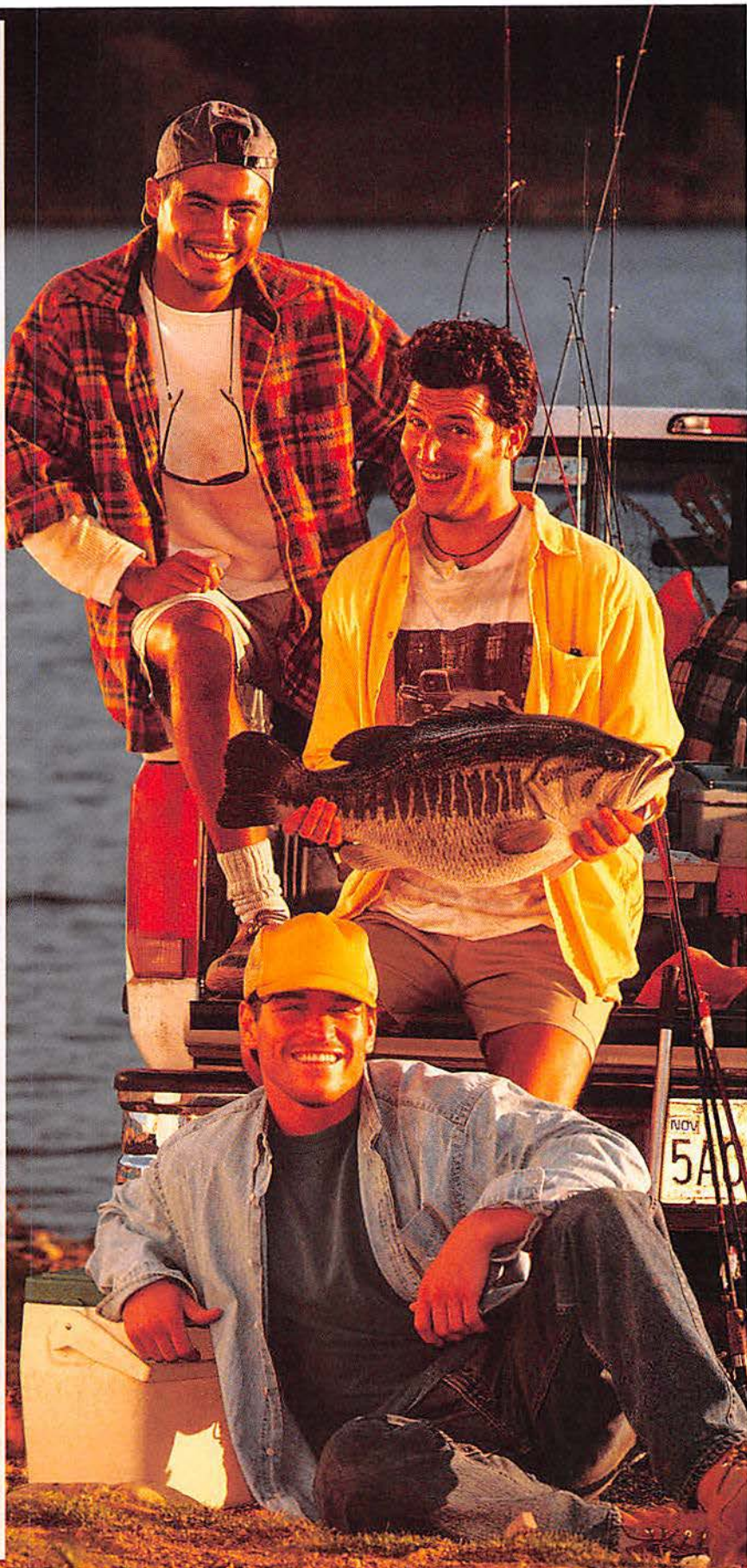


To his  
friends  
he was just a

# CAR FREAK

It had been cars, cars, cars (and of course, fishing) ever since they could remember. • In fact, at his wedding, they joked that it wasn't Debbie who caught his eye. It was her father's '56 ragtop. • This morning in the bass boat, they teased him again.

• "What's the big deal about being a mechanic, anyway?" • He lifted his rod slightly, slowly cranked the reel and talked about on-board computers, ABS brakes, 16-valve, 4-cylinder, dual overhead cam engines and more than 200 new cars to learn every year. • He talked about the touch. The gift, as he called it. • Then he reached over the side of the boat, lifted up an 8 pound bass and said: **It takes a lot to be an auto technician.** To find the best, look for Snap-on® tools and equipment.



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**CLEMSON**  
CHEMISTON S.C.  
(4-8)  
A.31 NORTH CAROLINA  
S.7 FURMAN\*  
S.21 MISSOURI  
S.28 WAKE FOREST\*  
O.5 FLORIDA STATE  
O.12 DUKE  
O.19 GEORGIA TECH\*  
N.2 MARYLAND\*  
N.9 VIRGINIA  
N.16 N.C. STATE\*  
N.23 SOUTH CAROLINA\*

**DUKE**  
DURHAM, N.C.  
(3-8)  
S.7 FLORIDA STATE  
S.14 NORTHWESTERN\*  
S.21 ARMY  
S.28 GEORGIA TECH  
O.5 NAVY  
O.12 CLEMSON\*  
O.26 MARYLAND\*  
N.2 VIRGINIA\*  
N.9 N.C. STATE  
N.23 WAKE FOREST  
N.23 NORTH CAROLINA\*

**FLORIDA STATE**  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA.  
(10-2)  
S.7 DUKE\*  
S.19 N.C. STATE  
S.28 NORTH CAROLINA\*  
O.5 CLEMSON\*  
O.12 MIAMI (FL)  
N.2 GEORGIA TECH  
N.9 WAKE FOREST\*  
N.16 SOUTHERN MISS\*  
N.23 MARYLAND\*  
N.30 FLORIDA\*

**GEORGIA TECH**  
ATLANTA, GA.  
(6-5)  
S.7 N.C. STATE  
S.14 WAKE FOREST\*  
S.21 NORTH CAROLINA  
DUKE\*  
O.5 VIRGINIA\*  
O.19 CLEMSON  
O.26 FLORIDA\*  
N.2 FLORIDA STATE\*  
N.14 MARYLAND  
N.23 NAVY\*  
N.30 GEORGIA

**MARYLAND**  
COLLEGE PARK, MD.  
(6-5)  
A.31 N. ILLINOIS\*  
S.7 UAB\*  
S.14 VIRGINIA  
S.26 WEST VIRGINIA  
O.5 N.C. STATE\*  
O.12 NORTH CAROLINA  
O.19 WAKE FOREST\*  
O.26 DUKE  
N.2 CLEMSON  
N.14 GEORGIA TECH\*  
N.23 FLORIDA STATE\*

**NORTH CAROLINA**  
CHAPEL HILL, N.C.  
(7-5)  
A.31 CLEMSON\*  
S.7 SYRACUSE  
S.21 GEORGIA TECH\*  
S.28 FLORIDA STATE  
O.5 WAKE FOREST  
O.12 MARYLAND\*  
O.26 HOUSTON  
N.2 N.C. STATE\*  
N.9 LOUISVILLE\*  
N.16 VIRGINIA  
N.23 DUKE

**N.C. STATE**  
RALEIGH, N.C.  
(3-8)  
S.7 GEORGIA TECH\*  
S.19 FLORIDA STATE\*  
S.28 PURDUE  
O.5 MARYLAND  
O.12 ALABAMA\*  
O.19 VIRGINIA  
N.2 NORTH CAROLINA  
N.9 DUKE\*  
N.16 CLEMSON  
N.23 WAKE FOREST\*  
N.30 EAST CAROLINA\*

**VIRGINIA**  
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.  
(9-4)  
S.7 C. MICHIGAN\*  
S.14 MARYLAND\*  
S.21 WAKE FOREST  
S.28 TEXAS\*  
O.5 GEORGIA TECH  
O.19 N.C. STATE\*  
O.26 FLORIDA STATE  
N.2 DUKE  
N.9 CLEMSON\*  
N.16 NORTH CAROLINA\*  
N.23 VIRGINIA TECH

**WAKE FOREST**  
WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.  
(1-10)  
A.31 APPALACHIAN ST.\*  
S.7 NORTHWESTERN\*  
S.14 GEORGIA TECH  
S.21 VIRGINIA\*  
S.28 CLEMSON  
O.5 NORTH CAROLINA\*  
O.19 MARYLAND  
O.26 NAVY\*  
N.9 FLORIDA STATE\*  
N.16 DUKE\*  
N.23 N.C. STATE  
@ORLANDO, FLA.

## BIG EAST

**BOSTON COLLEGE**  
CHESTNUT HILL, MASS.  
(4-8)  
A.31 HAWAII  
S.14 VIRGINIA TECH\*  
S.21 MICHIGAN  
S.28 NAVY\*  
O.5 WEST VIRGINIA  
O.12 CINCINNATI  
O.19 RUTGERS\*  
O.26 SYRACUSE\*  
O.31 PITTSBURGH  
N.9 NOTRE DAME\*  
N.16 TEMPLE\*  
N.23 MIAMI (FL)

**MIAMI**  
CORAL GABLES, FLA.  
(8-3)  
A.31 MEMPHIS  
S.7 THE CITADEL\*  
S.12 RUTGERS  
S.28 PITTSBURGH\*  
O.12 FLORIDA STATE\*  
O.19 EAST CAROLINA\*  
O.26 WEST VIRGINIA  
N.2 TEMPLE  
N.16 VIRGINIA TECH\*  
N.23 BOSTON COLLEGE\*  
N.30 SYRACUSE

**PITTSBURGH**  
PITTSBURGH, PA.  
(2-9)  
A.31 WEST VIRGINIA\*  
S.7 KENT\*  
S.14 HOUSTON\*  
S.21 OHIO STATE  
S.28 MIAMI (FL)  
O.5 TEMPLE\*  
O.12 SYRACUSE  
O.26 VIRGINIA TECH  
O.31 BOSTON COLLEGE\*  
N.16 NOTRE DAME  
N.30 RUTGERS\*

**RUTGERS**  
NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J.  
(4-7)  
A.31 VILLANOVA\*  
S.7 NAVY\*  
S.12 MIAMI (FL)\*  
S.21 VIRGINIA TECH  
O.5 SYRACUSE  
O.12 BOSTON COLLEGE  
O.19 BOSTON COLLEGE  
O.26 TEMPLE\*  
N.9 WEST VIRGINIA\*  
N.23 NOTRE DAME  
N.30 PITTSBURGH

**SYRACUSE**  
SYRACUSE, N.Y.  
(9-3)  
S.7 NORTH CAROLINA\*  
S.21 MINNESOTA  
S.28 VIRGINIA TECH\*  
O.5 RUTGERS\*  
O.12 PITTSBURGH\*  
O.26 BOSTON COLLEGE  
O.12 WEST VIRGINIA  
N.9 TULANE  
N.16 ARMY\*  
N.23 TEMPLE  
N.30 MIAMI (FL)\*

**TEMPLE**  
PHILADELPHIA, PA.  
(1-10)  
A.31 E. MICHIGAN  
S.7 WASHINGTON ST.\*  
S.14 BOWLING GREEN  
S.21 PENN STATE\*  
O.5 PITTSBURGH\*  
O.12 VIRGINIA TECH\*  
O.19 WEST VIRGINIA  
O.26 RUTGERS  
N.2 MIAMI (FL)\*  
N.16 BOSTON COLLEGE  
N.23 SYRACUSE\*

**VIRGINIA TECH**  
BLACKSBURG, VA.  
(10-2)  
S.7 AKRON  
S.14 BOSTON COLLEGE  
S.21 RUTGERS\*  
S.28 SYRACUSE  
O.12 TEMPLE\*  
O.19 PITTSBURGH\*  
O.26 SW LOUISIANA\*  
N.9 EAST CAROLINA\*  
N.16 MIAMI (FL)  
N.23 WEST VIRGINIA\*  
N.29 VIRGINIA\*

**WEST VIRGINIA**  
MORGANTOWN, W.VA.  
(5-6)  
A.31 PITTSBURGH  
S.7 W. MICHIGAN\*  
S.14 EAST CAROLINA\*  
S.21 PURDUE  
S.26 MARYLAND\*  
O.5 BOSTON COLLEGE\*  
O.19 TEMPLE\*  
O.26 MIAMI (FL)\*  
N.2 SYRACUSE\*  
N.9 RUTGERS  
N.23 VIRGINIA TECH

## BIG TEN

**ILLINOIS**  
CHAMPAIGN, ILL.  
(5-5-1)  
A.31 MICHIGAN  
S.7 USC\*  
S.14 ARIZONA  
S.21 AKRON\*  
O.5 INDIANA\*  
O.12 MICHIGAN ST.  
O.26 NORTHWESTERN  
N.2 IOWA\*  
N.9 OHIO STATE\*  
N.16 MINNESOTA  
N.23 WISCONSIN\*

**INDIANA**  
BLOOMINGTON, IND.  
(2-9)  
S.7 TOLEDO  
S.14 MIAMI (OH)\*  
S.21 KENTUCKY  
S.28 NORTHWESTERN\*  
O.5 ILLINOIS  
O.12 IOWA\*  
O.19 MICHIGAN  
O.26 PENN STATE\*  
N.9 MICHIGAN ST.  
N.16 OHIO STATE\*  
N.23 PURDUE

**IOWA**  
IOWA CITY, IOWA  
(6-4)  
S.7 ARIZONA\*  
S.14 IOWA STATE\*  
S.21 TULSA  
O.5 MICHIGAN ST.\*  
O.12 INDIANA  
O.19 PENN STATE  
O.26 OHIO STATE\*  
N.2 ILLINOIS  
N.9 NORTHWESTERN\*  
N.16 WISCONSIN\*  
N.23 MINNESOTA

**MICHIGAN**  
ANN ARBOR, MICH.  
(9-4)  
A.31 ILLINOIS\*  
S.14 COLORADO  
S.21 NORTH CAROLINA\*  
S.28 UCLA\*  
O.5 NORTHWESTERN  
O.19 INDIANA\*  
O.26 MINNESOTA  
N.2 MICHIGAN ST.\*  
N.9 PURDUE  
N.16 PENN STATE\*  
N.23 OHIO STATE

**KANSAS STATE**  
MANHATTAN, KAN.  
(10-2)  
A.31 TEXAS TECH\*  
S.7 INDIANA ST.\*  
S.14 CINCINNATI\*  
S.21 RICE  
O.5 NEBRASKA\*  
O.12 MISSOURI  
O.19 TEXAS A&M  
O.26 OKLAHOMA\*  
N.9 KANSAS  
N.16 COLORADO  
N.23 IOWA STATE\*

**MISSOURI**  
COLUMBIA, MO.  
(12-0)  
A.31 TEXAS  
S.14 MEMPHIS\*  
S.21 CLEMSON\*  
S.28 IOWA STATE  
O.5 SMU  
O.12 KANSAS STATE\*  
O.26 OKLAHOMA ST.\*  
N.2 COLORADO\*  
N.9 MISSOURI\*  
N.16 BAYLOR  
N.23 KANSAS\*

**NEBRASKA**  
LINCOLN, NEB.  
(5-5-1)  
S.7 MICHIGAN ST.\*  
S.21 ARIZONA STATE  
S.28 COLORADO ST.\*  
O.5 KANSAS\*  
O.12 TEXAS\*  
O.19 TEXAS TECH  
O.26 KANSAS\*  
N.2 OKLAHOMA  
N.9 MISSOURI\*  
N.16 IOWA STATE  
N.23 COLORADO\*

**OKLAHOMA**  
NORMAN, OKLA.  
(5-5-1)  
S.7 TCU\*  
S.21 SAN DIEGO ST.  
S.28 TULSA\*  
O.5 KANSAS\*  
O.12 TEXAS\*  
O.19 BAYLOR  
O.26 KANSAS STATE  
N.2 NEBRASKA\*  
N.9 OKLAHOMA ST.  
N.16 TEXAS A&M  
N.23 TEXAS TECH\*  
@DALLAS, TX

**MICHIGAN STATE**  
EAST LANSING, MICH.  
(6-5-1)  
A.31 PURDUE\*  
S.7 NEBRASKA  
S.21 LOUISVILLE\*  
S.28 E. MICHIGAN\*  
O.5 IOWA  
O.12 ILLINOIS\*  
O.19 MINNESOTA  
O.26 WISCONSIN\*  
N.2 MICHIGAN  
N.9 INDIANA\*  
N.23 PENN STATE

**MINNESOTA**  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.  
(3-8)  
S.7 NE LOUISIANA  
S.14 BALL STATE\*  
S.21 SYRACUSE\*  
S.28 PURDUE  
O.12 NORTHWESTERN  
O.19 MICHIGAN ST.\*  
O.26 MICHIGAN\*  
N.2 OHIO STATE  
N.9 WISCONSIN\*  
N.16 ILLINOIS\*  
N.23 IOWA\*

**NORTHWESTERN**  
EVANSTON, ILL.  
(10-2)  
S.7 WAKE FOREST  
S.14 DUKE  
S.21 OHIO\*  
S.28 INDIANA  
O.5 MICHIGAN\*  
O.12 MINNESOTA\*  
O.19 WISCONSIN\*  
O.26 ILLINOIS\*  
N.2 PENN STATE  
N.9 IOWA  
N.16 PURDUE\*

**OHIO STATE**  
COLUMBUS, OHIO  
(11-2)  
S.7 RICE\*  
S.21 PITTSBURGH\*  
S.28 NOTRE DAME  
O.5 PENN STATE  
O.12 WISCONSIN\*  
O.19 PURDUE  
O.26 IOWA  
N.2 MINNESOTA\*  
N.9 ILLINOIS  
N.16 INDIANA  
N.23 MICHIGAN\*

**KANSAS STATE**  
MANHATTAN, KAN.  
(10-2)  
A.31 TEXAS TECH\*  
S.7 INDIANA ST.\*  
S.14 CINCINNATI\*  
S.21 RICE  
O.5 NEBRASKA\*  
O.12 MISSOURI  
O.19 TEXAS A&M  
O.26 OKLAHOMA\*  
N.9 KANSAS  
N.16 COLORADO  
N.23 IOWA STATE\*

**MISSOURI**  
COLUMBIA, MO.  
(12-0)  
A.31 TEXAS  
S.14 MEMPHIS\*  
S.21 CLEMSON\*  
S.28 IOWA STATE  
O.5 SMU  
O.12 KANSAS STATE\*  
O.26 OKLAHOMA ST.\*  
N.2 COLORADO\*  
N.9 MISSOURI\*  
N.16 BAYLOR  
N.23 KANSAS\*

**NEBRASKA**  
LINCOLN, NEB.  
(5-5-1)  
S.7 MICHIGAN ST.\*  
S.21 ARIZONA STATE  
S.28 COLORADO ST.\*  
O.5 KANSAS\*  
O.12 TEXAS\*  
O.19 TEXAS TECH  
O.26 KANSAS\*  
N.2 OKLAHOMA  
N.9 MISSOURI\*  
N.16 IOWA STATE  
N.23 COLORADO\*

**OKLAHOMA**  
NORMAN, OKLA.  
(5-5-1)  
S.7 TCU\*  
S.21 SAN DIEGO ST.  
S.28 TULSA\*  
O.5 KANSAS\*  
O.12 TEXAS\*  
O.19 BAYLOR  
O.26 KANSAS STATE  
N.2 NEBRASKA\*  
N.9 OKLAHOMA ST.  
N.16 TEXAS A&M  
N.23 TEXAS TECH\*  
@DALLAS, TX

**PENN STATE**  
UNIVERSITY PARK, PA.  
(9-3)  
A.25 USC\*  
S.7 LOUISVILLE\*  
S.14 N. ILLINOIS\*  
S.21 TEMPLE  
S.28 WISCONSIN  
O.5 OHIO STATE  
O.12 PURDUE\*  
O.19 IOWA\*  
O.26 INDIANA  
N.2 NORTHWESTERN\*  
N.16 MICHIGAN  
N.23 MICHIGAN ST.\*  
@KNOX CLASSIC  
E. RUTHERFORD, N.J.

**PURDUE**  
WEST LAFAYETTE, IND.  
(4-6-1)  
A.31 MICHIGAN ST.  
S.14 NOTRE DAME  
S.21 WEST VIRGINIA\*  
S.28 N.C. STATE\*  
O.5 MINNESOTA\*  
O.12 PENN STATE  
O.19 OHIO STATE\*  
N.2 WISCONSIN  
N.9 MICHIGAN\*  
N.16 NORTHWESTERN  
N.23 INDIANA\*

**WISCONSIN**  
MADISON, WIS.  
(4-5-2)  
S.7 E. MICHIGAN\*  
S.14 UNLV  
S.21 STANFORD\*  
S.28 PENN STATE\*  
O.12 OHIO STATE  
O.19 NORTHWESTERN\*  
N.2 MICHIGAN ST.\*  
N.2 PURDUE\*  
N.9 MINNESOTA\*  
N.16 IOWA  
N.23 ILLINOIS  
N.30 HAWAII

**OKLAHOMA STATE**  
STILLWATER, OKLA.  
(4-8)  
A.31 SW MISSOURI ST.\*  
S.7 TEXAS TECH\*  
S.14 TULSA\*  
S.21 UTAH STATE\*  
O.5 TEXAS  
O.12 COLORADO  
O.19 IOWA STATE\*  
N.2 MISSOURI  
N.2 TEXAS A&M\*  
N.9 OKLAHOMA\*  
N.23 BAYLOR\*  
@IRVING, TX

**TEXAS**  
AUSTIN, TEXAS  
(10-2-1)  
A.31 MISSOURI\*  
S.7 NEW MEXICO ST.\*  
S.21 NOTRE DAME\*  
S.28 VIRGINIA  
O.5 OKLAHOMA ST.  
O.12 OKLAHOMA\*  
O.26 COLORADO  
N.2 BAYLOR\*  
N.9 TEXAS TECH  
N.16 KANSAS  
N.29 TEXAS A&M\*  
@DALLAS, TX

**TEXAS A&M**  
COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS  
(9-3)  
A.24 BYU\*  
S.14 SW LOUISIANA  
S.21 NORTH TEXAS\*  
S.28 COLORADO\*  
O.5 LOUISIANA TECH\*  
O.12 IOWA STATE  
O.19 KANSAS STATE\*  
O.26 TEXAS TECH\*  
N.2 OKLAHOMA ST.  
N.9 BAYLOR  
N.15 OKLAHOMA\*  
N.29 TEXAS  
@PISGAIN CLASSIC  
PROVO, UT

**TEXAS TECH**  
LUBBOCK, TEXAS  
(9-3)  
A.31 KANSAS STATE  
S.7 OKLAHOMA ST.\*  
S.21 GEORGIA  
S.28 UTAH STATE\*  
O.5 BAYLOR\*  
O.12 KANSAS  
O.19 NEBRASKA\*  
O.26 TEXAS A&M  
N.9 TEXAS\*  
N.16 SW LOUISIANA\*  
N.23 OKLAHOMA  
@IRVING, TX

## BIG WEST

**BOISE STATE**  
BOISE, IDAHO  
(7-4)  
A.31 C. MICHIGAN\*  
S.7 PORTLAND ST.\*  
S.14 E. WASHINGTON\*  
S.21 HAWAII  
S.28 NORTHWESTERN ST.\*  
O.5 ARIZONA ST.  
O.12 NEVADA  
O.19 UTAH STATE  
N.2 FRESNO ST.  
N.9 NORTH TEXAS  
N.16 NEW MEXICO ST.  
N.23 IDAHO

**IDAHO**  
MOSCOW, IDAHO  
(6-5)  
A.31 WYOMING  
S.7 SAN DIEGO ST.\*  
S.14 ST. MARY'S (CA)\*  
S.21 SW TEXAS ST.\*  
O.5 CAL POLY-SLO  
O.19 NEVADA\*  
O.26 UTAH STATE  
N.2 E. WASHINGTON\*  
N.9 NEW MEXICO ST.\*  
N.16 NORTH TEXAS  
N.23 BOISE STATE

**NEVADA**  
RENO, NEV.  
(9-3)  
S.7 OREGON  
S.14 MONTANA ST.\*  
S.21 CALIFORNIA  
S.28 KENT\*  
O.5 UNLV  
O.12 BOISE STATE\*  
O.19 IDAHO  
O.26 NORTH TEXAS  
N.2 NEW MEXICO ST.\*  
N.9 UTAH STATE  
N.16 ARKANSAS ST.\*

**NEW MEXICO ST.**  
LAS CRUCES, N.M.  
(4-7)  
A.31 NEW MEXICO\*  
S.7 TEXAS  
S.14 UTEP  
S.21 CAL ST.-NORTH\*  
S.28 LSU  
O.12 UTAH STATE\*  
O.19 NORTH TEXAS  
O.26 SOUTHERN UTAH\*  
N.2 NEVADA  
N.9 IDAHO  
N.16 BOISE STATE\*

**NORTH TEXAS**  
DENTON, TEXAS  
(2-9)  
S.7 ILLINOIS ST.\*  
S.14 ARIZONA STATE  
S.21 TEXAS A&M  
S.28 ASUM\*  
O.5 N. ILLINOIS  
O.12 VANDERBILT\*  
O.19 NEW MEXICO ST.\*  
O.26 NEVADA\*  
N.2 UTAH STATE  
N.9 BOISE STATE  
N.16 IDAHO\*

**UTAH STATE**  
LOGAN, UTAH  
(4-7)  
A.31 UTAH\*  
S.7 CAL ST.-NORTH\*  
S.14 SOUTHERN MISS  
S.21 OKLAHOMA ST.\*  
S.28 TEXAS TECH  
O.5 BYU\*  
O.12 NEW MEXICO ST.  
O.19 BOISE STATE  
O.26 IDAHO\*  
N.2 NORTH TEXAS\*  
N.9 NEVADA\*



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\* Home game

## CONFERENCE USA

### CINCINNATI CINCINNATI, OHIO (2-9)

A.31 TULANE\*  
S.7 KENTUCKY\*  
S.14 KANSAS STATE  
S.28 MIAMI (OH)\*  
O.5 MEMPHIS  
O.12 BOSTON COLLEGE\*  
O.19 HOUSTON\*  
O.26 LOUISVILLE  
N.2 SOUTHERN MISS  
N.16 UAB  
N.23 NE LOUISIANA\*

### HOUSTON HOUSTON, TEXAS (2-9)

A.31 SAM HOUSTON\*  
S.7 LSU  
S.14 PITTSBURGH  
S.21 USC\*  
O.5 SW LOUISIANA  
O.12 MEMPHIS\*  
O.19 CINCINNATI  
O.26 NORTH CAROLINA\*  
N.2 TULANE  
N.9 SOUTHERN MISS\*  
N.16 LOUISVILLE\*

### LOUISVILLE LOUISVILLE, KY. (7-4)

A.31 KENTUCKY  
S.7 PENN STATE  
S.14 BAYLOR\*  
S.21 MICHIGAN ST.  
S.28 SOUTHERN MISS\*  
O.12 TULANE  
O.19 N. ILLINOIS\*  
O.26 CINCINNATI\*  
N.2 MEMPHIS\*  
N.9 NORTH CAROLINA  
N.16 HOUSTON

### MEMPHIS MEMPHIS, TENN. (3-8)

A.31 MAAMI\*  
S.7 MISSISSIPPI ST.\*  
S.14 MISSOURI  
S.21 TULANE\*  
O.5 CINCINNATI\*  
O.12 HOUSTON  
O.19 SOUTHERN MISS  
O.26 SW LOUISIANA  
N.2 LOUISVILLE  
N.9 TENNESSEE\*  
N.23 EAST CAROLINA\*

### SOUTHERN MISS HATTIESBURG, MISS. (6-5)

A.31 GEORGIA  
S.7 ALABAMA\*  
S.14 UTAH STATE\*  
S.21 SW LOUISIANA\*  
S.28 LOUISVILLE  
O.10 EAST CAROLINA  
O.19 MEMPHIS\*  
O.26 TULANE  
N.2 CINCINNATI\*  
N.9 HOUSTON  
N.16 FLORIDA STATE  
@BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

### TULANE NEW ORLEANS, LA (6-5)

A.31 CINCINNATI  
S.14 RICE\*  
S.21 MEMPHIS  
S.28 NEVADA  
O.12 LOUISVILLE\*  
O.19 ARMY  
O.26 SOUTHERN MISS\*  
N.2 HOUSTON\*  
N.9 SYRACUSE\*  
N.16 NAVY  
N.23 LSU

## MID-AMERICAN

### AKRON AKRON, OHIO (2-9)

A.29 OHIO  
S.7 VIRGINIA TECH\*  
S.14 TOLEDO\*  
S.21 ILLINOIS  
S.28 W. MICHIGAN\*  
O.5 KENT  
O.12 C. MICHIGAN  
O.19 MIAMI (OH)\*  
O.26 N. ILLINOIS  
N.2 BOWLING GREEN\*  
N.9 E. MICHIGAN

### BALL STATE MUNCIE, IND. (7-4)

A.31 KANSAS  
S.7 MIAMI (OH)\*  
S.14 MINNESOTA  
S.21 C. FLORIDA\*  
O.5 W. MICHIGAN  
O.12 OHIO\*  
O.19 BOWLING GREEN  
O.26 C. MICHIGAN  
N.2 E. MICHIGAN  
N.9 KENT\*  
N.16 TOLEDO\*

### BOWLING GREEN BOWLING GREEN, OHIO (5-6)

A.31 ALABAMA\*  
S.14 TEMPLE\*  
S.21 MIAMI (OH)  
S.28 C. MICHIGAN\*  
O.5 TOLEDO  
O.12 KENT\*  
O.19 BALL STATE\*  
O.26 OHIO  
N.2 KENT  
N.9 W. MICHIGAN\*  
N.16 C. FLORIDA

### CENTRAL MICHIGAN MT. PLEASANT, MICH. (4-7)

A.31 BOISE STATE  
S.7 VIRGINIA  
S.14 LOUISIANA TECH\*  
S.21 W. MICHIGAN\*  
O.28 BOWLING GREEN  
O.5 MIAMI (OH)  
O.12 AKRON\*  
O.19 E. MICHIGAN\*  
O.26 BALL STATE\*  
N.2 KENT  
N.9 TOLEDO  
@BIRMINGHAM, AL.

### EASTERN MICHIGAN YPSILANTI, MICH. (6-5)

A.31 TEMPLE\*  
S.7 WISCONSIN  
S.14 W. MICHIGAN  
S.21 TOLEDO\*  
S.28 MICHIGAN ST.  
O.5 OHIO  
O.12 MIAMI (OH)\*  
O.19 C. MICHIGAN\*  
O.26 KENT\*  
N.2 BALL STATE\*  
N.9 AKRON\*

### KENT KENT, OHIO (1-9-1)

A.31 MIAMI (OH)  
S.7 PITTSBURGH  
S.14 YOUNGSTOWN ST.\*  
S.28 NEVADA  
O.5 AKRON\*  
O.12 BOWLING GREEN  
O.19 OHIO\*  
O.26 E. MICHIGAN  
O.26 AKRON\*  
N.2 TOLEDO  
N.16 W. MICHIGAN

### MIAMI OXFORD, OHIO (2-8-1)

A.31 KENT\*  
S.7 BALL STATE  
S.14 INDIANA  
S.28 BOWLING GREEN\*  
S.28 CINCINNATI  
O.5 C. MICHIGAN\*  
O.12 E. MICHIGAN  
O.19 AKRON\*  
O.26 ARMY  
N.2 TOLEDO  
N.9 OHIO\*

### OHIO ATHENS, OHIO (2-8-1)

A.29 AKRON\*  
S.7 HAWAII  
S.14 ARMY  
S.21 NORTHWESTERN  
O.5 E. MICHIGAN\*  
O.12 BALL STATE  
O.19 KENT  
O.26 BOWLING GREEN\*  
N.2 W. MICHIGAN  
N.9 MIAMI (OH)  
N.16 EAST CAROLINA  
N.23 TOLEDO\*

### TOLEDO TOLEDO, OHIO (11-0-1)

S.7 INDIANA\*  
S.14 AKRON  
S.21 E. MICHIGAN  
S.28 WEBER STATE\*  
O.5 BOWLING GREEN\*  
O.19 LOUISIANA TECH  
O.26 W. MICHIGAN\*  
N.2 MIAMI (OH)\*  
N.9 C. MICHIGAN\*  
N.16 BALL STATE  
N.23 OHIO

### WESTERN MICHIGAN KALAMAZOO, MICH. (7-4)

A.29 E. ILLINOIS\*  
S.7 WEST VIRGINIA  
S.14 E. MICHIGAN\*  
S.21 C. MICHIGAN\*  
S.28 AKRON  
O.5 BALL STATE\*  
O.12 WYOMING  
O.26 TOLEDO  
N.2 OHIO\*  
N.9 BOWLING GREEN  
N.16 KENT\*

## PAC TEN

### ARIZONA TUCSON, ARIZ. (6-5)

A.31 UTEP\*  
S.7 IOWA  
S.14 ILLINOIS\*  
S.21 WASHINGTON\*  
O.5 WASHINGTON ST.\*  
O.12 USC  
O.26 OREGON STATE\*  
N.2 CALIFORNIA  
N.9 OREGON  
N.16 UCL\*  
N.23 ARIZONA ST.\*

### ARIZONA STATE TEMPE, ARIZ. (6-5)

S.7 WASHINGTON\*  
S.14 NORTH TEXAS\*  
S.21 NEBRASKA\*  
S.21 OREGON\*  
O.5 USC  
O.12 UCLA  
O.19 USC\*  
O.26 STANFORD  
N.2 OREGON STATE  
N.9 CALIFORNIA\*  
N.23 ARIZONA

### CALIFORNIA BERKELEY, CALIF. (9-2-1)

S.7 SAN JOSE ST.\*  
S.14 SAN DIEGO ST.\*  
S.21 NEVADA\*  
S.21 OREGON STATE\*  
O.5 USC  
O.12 WASHINGTON ST.  
O.26 UCLA  
O.19 ARIZONA\*  
N.9 ARIZONA ST.  
N.16 OREGON  
N.23 STANFORD\*

### OREGON EUGENE, ORE. (9-3)

A.31 FRESNO ST.\*  
S.7 NEVADA\*  
S.14 COLORADO ST.\*  
S.21 WASHINGTON ST.\*  
S.28 ARIZONA ST.\*  
O.5 UCLA\*  
O.12 STANFORD  
O.26 WASHINGTON\*  
N.9 ARIZONA\*  
N.16 CALIFORNIA\*  
N.23 OREGON STATE

## SEC

### ALABAMA TUSCALOOSA, ALA. (8-3)

A.31 BOWLING GREEN\*  
S.7 SOUTHERN MISS\*  
S.14 VANDERBILT\*  
S.21 ARKANSAS\*  
O.12 KENTUCKY\*  
O.12 N.C. STATE  
O.19 OLE MISS\*  
O.26 TENNESSEE  
N.9 LSU  
N.16 MISSISSIPPI ST.  
N.23 AUBURN\*  
@BIRMINGHAM, ALA.  
\*LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

### ARKANSAS FAYETTEVILLE, ARK. (8-5)

S.7 SMU\*  
S.21 ALABAMA\*  
S.28 NE LOUISIANA\*  
S.28 FLORIDA\*  
O.12 LOUISIANA TECH\*  
O.19 SOUTH CAROLINA  
O.12 AUBURN  
N.2 OLE MISS\*  
N.16 TENNESSEE  
N.23 MISSISSIPPI ST.  
N.30 LSU\*  
@LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

### AUBURN AUBURN, ALA. (8-4)

S.7 FRESNO ST.\*  
S.14 OLE MISS  
S.21 LSU\*  
O.5 SOUTH CAROLINA\*  
O.12 MISSISSIPPI ST.  
O.19 FLORIDA  
N.2 ARKANSAS\*  
N.9 NE LOUISIANA\*  
N.16 GEORGIA\*  
N.23 ALABAMA\*  
@BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

### FLORIDA GAINESVILLE, FLA. (12-1)

A.31 SW LOUISIANA\*  
S.7 GA. SOUTHERN\*  
S.21 TENNESSEE  
S.28 KENTUCKY\*  
O.5 ARKANSAS  
O.12 LSU\*  
O.19 AUBURN\*  
N.2 GEORGIA\*  
N.9 VANDERBILT  
N.16 SOUTH CAROLINA\*  
N.30 FLORIDA STATE  
@JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

### OREGON STATE CORVALLIS, ORE. (1-10)

S.7 MONTANA\*  
S.14 USC  
S.21 BAYLOR  
S.28 CALIFORNIA  
O.12 WASHINGTON ST.\*  
O.19 STANFORD\*  
O.26 ARKANSAS  
N.2 ARIZONA ST.\*  
N.9 WASHINGTON\*  
N.16 N. ILLINOIS\*  
N.23 OREGON\*

### SOUTHERN CAL LOS ANGELES, CALIF. (9-2-1)

A.25 PENN STATE\*  
S.7 ILLINOIS  
S.14 OREGON STATE\*  
S.21 HOUSTON  
O.5 CALIFORNIA\*  
O.12 ARIZONA\*  
O.19 ARKANSAS  
S.21 WASHINGTON ST.  
N.2 WASHINGTON ST.\*  
N.9 STANFORD  
N.23 UCLA  
N.30 NOTRE DAME\*  
@WICKOFF CLASSIC,  
E. RUTHERFORD, N.J.

### STANFORD STANFORD, CALIF. (7-4-1)

S.7 UTAH\*  
S.14 SAN JOSE ST.\*  
S.21 WISCONSIN  
O.5 WASHINGTON  
O.12 OREGON\*  
O.19 OREGON STATE  
O.26 ARIZONA ST.\*  
N.2 UCLA  
N.9 USC\*  
N.16 WASHINGTON ST.\*  
N.23 CALIFORNIA

### UCLA LOS ANGELES, CALIF. (7-5)

S.7 TENNESSEE  
S.14 NE LOUISIANA\*  
S.28 MICHIGAN  
O.5 OREGON  
O.12 ARIZONA ST.\*  
O.19 WASHINGTON  
O.26 CALIFORNIA  
N.2 STANFORD  
N.9 WASHINGTON ST.\*  
N.16 ARIZONA  
N.23 USC\*

### GEORGIA ATHENS, GA. (6-6)

A.31 SOUTHERN MISS\*  
S.14 SOUTH CAROLINA  
S.21 TEXAS TECH\*  
O.5 MISSISSIPPI ST.  
O.12 TENNESSEE\*  
O.19 VANDERBILT\*  
O.26 KENTUCKY  
N.2 ARKANSAS  
N.16 AUBURN  
N.23 OLE MISS\*  
N.30 GEORGIA TECH\*  
@JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

### KENTUCKY LEXINGTON, KY. (4-7)

A.31 LOUISVILLE\*  
S.7 CINCINNATI\*  
S.21 INDIANA\*  
O.5 FLORIDA  
O.5 ALABAMA  
O.12 SOUTH CAROLINA\*  
O.19 LSU  
O.26 GEORGIA\*  
N.2 MISSISSIPPI ST.\*  
N.16 VANDERBILT\*  
N.23 TENNESSEE

### LOUISIANA STATE BATON ROUGE, LA. (7-4-1)

S.7 HOUSTON\*  
S.21 OLE MISS  
S.28 NEW MEXICO ST.\*  
O.5 VANDERBILT\*  
O.12 FLORIDA  
O.19 KENTUCKY\*  
O.26 MISSISSIPPI ST.\*  
N.9 ALABAMA\*  
N.16 OLE MISS  
N.23 TULANE\*  
N.30 ARKANSAS\*  
@LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

### MISSISSIPPI OXFORD, MISS. (6-5)

A.31 IDAHO STATE\*  
S.7 SMU\*  
S.14 AUBURN\*  
S.21 VANDERBILT\*  
O.3 TENNESSEE\*  
O.19 ALABAMA  
O.26 ARKANSAS ST.\*  
N.9 ARKANSAS  
N.16 LSU\*  
N.23 GEORGIA  
N.30 MISSISSIPPI ST.\*  
@JACKSON, MISS.  
\*MEMPHIS, TENN.

### WASHINGTON SEATTLE, WASH. (7-4-1)

S.7 ARIZONA ST.  
S.14 BYU\*  
S.21 ARIZONA\*  
O.5 STANFORD\*  
O.12 NOTRE DAME  
O.19 UCL\*  
O.26 OREGON  
N.2 USC  
N.9 OREGON STATE\*  
N.16 SAN JOSE ST.\*  
N.23 WASHINGTON ST.

### WASHINGTON STATE PULLMAN, WASH. (3-8)

A.31 COLORADO  
S.7 TEMPLE  
S.21 OREGON\*  
S.28 SAN JOSE ST.\*  
O.5 ARIZONA  
O.12 OREGON STATE  
O.19 CALIFORNIA\*  
O.26 USC\*  
N.9 UCLA  
N.16 STANFORD  
N.23 WASHINGTON\*

### MISSISSIPPI STATE STARKVILLE, MISS. (3-8)

S.7 MEMPHIS  
S.21 LOUISIANA TECH\*  
S.28 SOUTH CAROLINA  
O.5 GEORGIA\*  
O.12 AUBURN\*  
O.26 LSU  
N.2 NE LOUISIANA\*  
N.16 ALABAMA\*  
N.23 ARKANSAS\*  
N.30 OLE MISS

### SOUTH CAROLINA COLUMBIA, S.C. (4-6-1)

S.7 C. FLORIDA\*  
S.14 GEORGIA\*  
S.21 EAST CAROLINA\*  
S.28 MISSISSIPPI ST.\*  
O.5 AUBURN  
O.12 KENTUCKY  
N.2 ARKANSAS  
O.26 VANDERBILT  
N.2 TENNESSEE\*  
N.16 FLORIDA  
N.23 CLEMSON

### TENNESSEE KNOXVILLE, TENN. (11-1)

A.31 UNLV\*  
S.7 UCLA\*  
S.21 FLORIDA\*  
O.3 OLE MISS\*  
O.12 GEORGIA  
O.26 ALABAMA\*  
N.2 SOUTH CAROLINA  
N.9 MEMPHIS  
N.16 ARKANSAS\*  
N.23 KENTUCKY\*  
N.30 VANDERBILT\*  
@MEMPHIS, TN

### VANDERBILT NASHVILLE, TENN. (2-9)

S.5 NOTRE DAME\*  
S.14 ALABAMA  
S.21 OLE MISS\*  
O.5 LSU  
O.12 NORTH TEXAS  
O.19 GEORGIA  
N.2 SOUTH CAROLINA\*  
N.2 UAB\*  
N.9 FLORIDA\*  
N.16 KENTUCKY  
N.30 TENNESSEE\*

## WESTERN ATHLETIC

### AIR FORCE COLO. SPRINGS, COLO. (8-9)

A.31 SAN JOSE ST.\*  
S.7 UNLV  
S.14 WYOMING  
S.28 RICE\*  
O.5 SAN DIEGO ST.  
O.12 NAVY\*  
O.19 NOTRE DAME  
O.26 HAWAII  
N.2 COLORADO ST.\*  
N.9 ARMY  
N.16 FRESNO ST.

### BRIGHTON YOUNG PROVO, UTAH (7-4)

A.24 TEXAS A&M\*  
S.14 ARKANSAS ST.\*  
S.21 WASHINGTON  
S.28 NEW MEXICO\*  
S.28 SMU\*  
O.5 UTAH STATE  
O.12 UNLV\*  
O.19 TULSA  
O.26 TCU  
N.2 UTEP\*  
N.9 RICE\*  
N.16 HAWAII  
N.23 UTAH  
@PIGSKIN CLASSIC,  
PROVO, UT

### COLORADO STATE FORT COLLINS, COLO. (8-4)

A.31 TENN. CHATT.\*  
S.7 COLORADO\*  
S.14 OREGON  
S.21 UNLV\*  
S.28 NEBRASKA  
O.5 HAWAII  
O.12 TULSA  
O.19 SAN JOSE ST.\*  
O.26 SAN DIEGO ST.\*  
N.2 AIR FORCE\*  
N.9 FRESNO ST.  
N.16 WYOMING\*

### FRESNO STATE FRESNO, CALIF. (5-7)

A.31 OREGON\*  
S.7 AUBURN  
S.21 UTAH  
S.28 HAWAII\*  
O.12 SAN JOSE ST.\*  
O.19 WYOMING  
O.26 UNLV  
N.2 BOISE STATE\*  
N.9 COLORADO ST.\*  
N.16 AIR FORCE\*  
N.23 SAN DIEGO ST.

### HAWAII HONOLULU, HAWAII (4-8)

A.31 BOSTON COLLEGE\*  
S.7 OHIO\*  
S.14 WYOMING  
S.28 BOISE STATE\*  
S.28 FRESNO ST.\*  
O.5 COLORADO ST.\*  
O.12 SAN DIEGO ST.\*  
O.19 UNLV\*  
O.26 AIR FORCE  
N.2 SAN JOSE ST.\*  
N.16 BYU\*  
N.30 WISCONSIN\*

### NEW MEXICO ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (4-7)

A.31 NEW MEXICO ST.  
S.7 N. ARIZONA\*  
S.14 C. FLORIDA\*  
S.28 BYU  
S.28 TCU\*  
O.5 RICE  
O.19 SAN DIEGO ST.\*  
O.26 SMU  
N.2 TULSA  
N.9 UTAH  
N.23 UTEP\*

### RICE HOUSTON, TEXAS (2-8-1)

S.7 OHIO STATE  
S.14 TULANE  
S.21 KANSAS STATE\*  
N.2 AIR FORCE\*  
O.5 NEW MEXICO\*  
O.19 SMU\*  
O.26 UTEP  
N.2 UTAH  
N.9 BYU  
N.16 UNLV  
N.23 TULSA\*

### SAN DIEGO STATE SAN DIEGO, CALIF. (8-4)

A.31 IDAHO\*  
S.7 CALIFORNIA  
S.21 OKLAHOMA\*  
O.5 AIR FORCE\*  
O.12 HAWAII\*  
O.19 NEW MEXICO  
O.26 COLORADO ST.  
N.2 SAN JOSE ST.  
N.9 WYOMING\*  
N.16 UNLV  
N.23 FRESNO ST.\*

### SAN JOSE STATE SAN JOSE, CALIF. (3-8)

A.31 AIR FORCE  
S.7 CALIFORNIA\*  
S.14 STANFORD  
S.21 UTEP\*  
S.28 WASHINGTON ST.  
O.5 WYOMING\*  
O.12 FRESNO ST.  
O.19 COLORADO ST.\*  
N.2 SAN DIEGO ST.\*  
N.9 HAWAII  
N.16 WASHINGTON  
N.23 UNLV\*

### SMU DALLAS, TEXAS (1-10)

A.31 TULSA\*  
S.7 ARKANSAS  
S.14 UTAH\*  
S.21 ARMY  
S.28 BYU  
O.5 MISSOURI\*  
O.19 RICE  
O.26 NEW MEXICO  
N.2 WYOMING  
N.9 UTEP  
N.23 TCU\*

### TEXAS CHRISTIAN FORT WORTH, TEXAS (6-5)

S.7 OKLAHOMA  
S.14 KANSAS\*  
S.28 NEW MEXICO  
O.5 TULANE  
O.12 UTEP\*  
O.19 UTAH  
O.26 BYU\*  
N.2 UNLV\*  
N.9 TULSA  
N.16 RICE\*  
N.23 SMU

### TULSA TULSA, OKLA. (4-7)

A.31 SMU  
S.14 OKLAHOMA ST.  
S.21 IOWA\*  
S.28 OKLAHOMA  
O.12 COLORADO ST.\*  
O.19 BYU\*  
O.26 UTAH  
N.2 NEW MEXICO\*  
N.9 TCU\*  
N.16 UTEP  
N.23 RICE

### UNLV LAS VEGAS, NEV. (2-9)

A.31 TENNESSEE  
S.7 AIR FORCE\*  
S.14 WISCONSIN\*  
S.21 FRESNO ST.\*  
S.28 WYOMING\*  
O.5 NEVADA\*  
O.12 HAWAII  
O.26 FRESNO ST.\*  
N.2 TCU  
N.16 SAN DIEGO ST.\*  
N.23 SAN JOSE ST.

### UTAH SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH (7-4)

A.31 UTAH STATE  
S.7 STANFORD  
S.14 SMU  
S.21 FRESNO ST.\*  
S.28 KANSAS\*  
O.5 UTEP  
O.19 TCU\*  
O.26 TULSA\*  
N.2 RICE  
N.9 NEW MEXICO  
N.23 BYU\*

### UTEP EL PASO, TEXAS (2-10)

A.31 ARIZONA  
S.14 NEW MEXICO ST.\*  
S.21 SAN JOSE ST.  
N.2 ILLINOIS  
O.5 UTAH\*  
O.12 TCU  
O.26 RICE  
N.2 BYU  
N.9 SMU\*  
N.16 TULSA\*  
N.23 NEW MEXICO

### WYOMING LARAMIE, WYO. (6-5)

A.31 IDAHO\*  
S.7 IOWA STATE  
S.14 HAWAII\*  
S.21 AIR FORCE\*  
S.28 UNLV  
O.5 SAN JOSE ST.\*  
O.12 W. MICHIGAN\*  
O.19 FRESNO ST.\*  
N.2 SMU\*  
N.9 SAN DIEGO ST.  
N.16 COLORADO ST.





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**ARKANSAS STATE**  
JONESBORO, ARK.  
(6-5)  
A. 31 BYU  
S. 7 AUSTIN PEAY\*  
S. 14 UAB  
S. 21 N. ILLINOIS\*  
O. 5 C. ARKANSAS\*  
O. 12 SW LOUISIANA  
O. 19 SE MISSOURI\*  
O. 26 OLE MISS  
N. 2 EAST CAROLINA  
N. 9 LOUISIANA TECH\*  
N. 16 NEVADA

**LOUISIANA TECH**  
RUSTON, LA.  
(5-6)  
A. 31 MD. TN. ST.\*  
S. 7 BAYLOR\*  
S. 14 C. MICHIGAN  
S. 21 MISSISSIPPI ST.  
S. 28 SW LOUISIANA\*  
O. 5 TEXAS A&M  
O. 12 ARKANSAS\*  
O. 19 TOLEDO\*  
O. 26 UAB\*  
N. 2 N. ILLINOIS  
N. 9 ARKANSAS ST.  
@LITTLE ROCK, AR.

**NOTRE DAME**  
SOUTH BEND, IND.  
(9-3)  
S. 5 VANDERBILT  
S. 14 PURDUE\*  
S. 21 TEXAS  
S. 28 OHIO STATE\*  
O. 12 WASHINGTON\*  
O. 19 AIR FORCE\*  
N. 2 NAVY\*  
N. 9 BOSTON COLLEGE  
N. 16 PITTSBURGH\*  
N. 23 RUTGERS\*  
N. 30 USC  
@DUBLIN, IRELAND

## GATEWAY

**ILLINOIS STATE**  
NORMAL, ILL.  
(3-6)  
A. 29 BUFFALO  
S. 7 NORTH TEXAS  
S. 14 S.E. MISSOURI\*  
S. 21 YOUNGSTOWN ST.\*  
S. 28 S. ILLINOIS\*  
O. 12 NORTHERN IOWA  
O. 19 INDIANA ST.  
O. 26 S.W. MISSOURI\*  
N. 2 C. FLORIDA  
N. 9 W. ILLINOIS  
N. 16 TENNESSEE TECH\*

**SW MISSOURI STATE**  
SPRINGFIELD, MO.  
(4-7)  
A. 31 OKLAHOMA ST.  
S. 7 MOHAWK ST.  
S. 14 TRUMAN ST.\*  
S. 21 TENN. MARTIN  
S. 28 JACKSONVILLE ST.\*  
O. 5 S. ILLINOIS\*  
O. 19 N. IOWA  
O. 26 ILLINOIS ST.  
N. 2 W. ILLINOIS\*  
N. 9 YOUNGSTOWN ST.\*  
N. 16 INDIANA ST.

## METRO ATLANTIC

**CANISUS**  
BUFFALO, N.Y.  
(4-6)  
S. 14 GANNON  
S. 28 ST. PETER'S\*  
O. 5 IONA  
O. 12 SIENA\*  
O. 19 FAIRFIELD  
O. 26 ST. JOHN'S\*  
N. 2 GEORGETOWN  
N. 9 MARIST  
N. 16 DUQUESNE\*

**DUQUESNE**  
PITTSBURGH, PA.  
(10-1)  
S. 14 MARIST\*  
S. 21 ST. JOHN'S  
S. 28 GANNON\*  
O. 5 SIENA  
O. 12 ST. FRANCIS  
O. 19 GEORGETOWN\*  
O. 26 IONA\*  
N. 2 FAIRFIELD\*  
N. 9 ST. PETER'S  
N. 16 CANISUS

**GEORGETOWN**  
WASHINGTON, D.C.  
(6-3)  
S. 13 PENNSYLVANIA  
S. 21 FAIRFIELD  
S. 28 GANNON\*  
O. 5 MARIST\*  
O. 12 IONA\*  
O. 19 DUQUESNE  
O. 26 FORDHAM  
N. 2 CANISUS\*  
N. 8 ST. JOHN'S  
N. 16 ST. PETER'S\*  
N. 23 HOLY CROSS\*

**IONA**  
NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y.  
(3-6)  
S. 14 WAGNER\*  
S. 21 MARIST  
S. 28 PRICE  
O. 5 CANISUS\*  
O. 12 GEORGETOWN  
O. 19 SIENA\*  
O. 26 DUQUESNE  
N. 2 ST. PETER'S\*  
N. 9 FAIRFIELD  
N. 16 ST. JOHN'S\*

**MARIST**  
POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y.  
(6-4)  
S. 14 DUQUESNE  
S. 21 IONA\*  
S. 28 WAGNER  
O. 5 GEORGETOWN  
O. 12 FAIRFIELD\*  
O. 19 ST. JOHN'S\*  
O. 26 ST. PETER'S\*  
N. 2 TOWSON ST.\*  
N. 9 CANISUS\*  
N. 16 SIENA

**ST. JOHN'S**  
JAMAICA, N.Y.  
(4-6)  
S. 14 SACRED HEART  
S. 21 DUQUESNE\*  
O. 5 FAIRFIELD\*  
O. 12 ST. PETER'S  
O. 19 MARIST  
O. 26 CANISUS  
N. 2 SIENA\*  
N. 8 GEORGETOWN\*  
N. 16 IONA  
N. 23 STONY BROOK\*

**ST. PETER'S**  
JERSEY CITY, N.J.  
(2-7)  
S. 21 SIENA\*  
S. 28 CANISUS  
O. 5 FAIRFIELD  
O. 11 SAINT JOHN'S\*  
O. 19 WAGNER  
O. 26 MARIST\*  
N. 2 IONA  
N. 9 DUQUESNE\*  
N. 16 GEORGETOWN

**SIENA**  
LOUDONVILLE, N.Y.  
(0-9)  
S. 21 ST. PETER'S\*  
S. 28 GEORGETOWN\*  
O. 5 DUQUESNE\*  
O. 12 CANISUS  
O. 19 IONA  
O. 26 FAIRFIELD\*  
N. 2 ST. JOHN'S  
N. 9 MONMOUTH  
N. 16 MARIST\*

## BIG SKY

**CAL ST.-NORTHIDGE**  
NORTHridge, CALIF.  
(2-8)  
S. 7 UTAH STATE  
S. 14 CAL DAVIS\*  
S. 21 NEW MEXICO ST.  
S. 28 N. ARIZONA  
O. 5 PORTLAND ST.\*  
O. 12 WEBER ST.\*  
O. 19 MONTANA ST.\*  
O. 26 CAL ST. SAC.  
N. 2 MONTANA\*  
N. 9 IDAHO ST.  
N. 16 E. WASHINGTON\*

**MONTANA**  
MISSOULA, MONT.  
(13-2)  
S. 7 OREGON STATE  
S. 14 CAL POLY SLO\*  
S. 28 SACRAMENTO ST.  
O. 5 S. UTAH\*  
O. 12 IDAHO ST.\*  
O. 19 E. WASHINGTON  
O. 26 N. ARIZONA  
N. 2 CAL ST. NORTH\*  
N. 9 PORTLAND ST.\*  
N. 16 WEBER ST.  
N. 23 MONTANA ST.\*

**WEBER STATE**  
OGDEN, UTAH  
(6-5)  
S. 7 E. WASHINGTON\*  
S. 14 SOUTHERN UTAH\*  
S. 21 CAL POLY SLO  
S. 28 TOLEDO  
O. 5 N. ARIZONA  
O. 12 CAL ST. NORTH\*  
O. 19 PORTLAND ST.  
N. 2 MONTANA ST.\*  
N. 9 SACRAMENTO ST.  
N. 16 MONTANA  
N. 23 IDAHO ST.

**CAL ST.-SAC.**  
SACRAMENTO, CALIF.  
(4-6-1)  
S. 7 HOFSTRA  
S. 21 CAL DAVIS  
S. 28 MONTANA\*  
O. 5 IDAHO ST.  
O. 12 E. WASHINGTON\*  
O. 19 N. ARIZONA  
O. 26 CAL ST. NORTH\*  
N. 2 PORTLAND ST.\*  
N. 9 WEBER ST.\*  
N. 16 MONTANA ST.  
N. 23 CAL POLY SLO\*

**MONTANA STATE**  
BOZEMAN, MONT.  
(5-6)  
S. 14 NEVADA  
S. 21 MINNESOTA DULUTH\*  
S. 28 IDAHO STATE\*  
O. 5 E. WASHINGTON  
O. 12 NORTHERN ARIZONA\*  
O. 19 CAL ST. NORTH\*  
O. 26 MONTANA ST.\*  
N. 2 WEBER STATE  
N. 9 CAL POLY SLO\*  
N. 16 CAL ST. SAC\*  
N. 23 MONTANA

**NORTHERN ARIZONA**  
FLAGSTAFF, ARIZ.  
(7-4)  
A. 29 W. NEW MEXICO\*  
S. 7 NEW MEXICO  
S. 14 SOUTHERN UTAH\*  
S. 21 PORTLAND ST.  
S. 28 CAL ST. NORTH\*  
O. 5 WEBER STATE\*  
O. 12 MONTANA ST.\*  
O. 19 CAL ST. SAC\*  
O. 26 MONTANA  
N. 2 IDAHO STATE\*  
N. 9 E. WASHINGTON

**E. WASHINGTON**  
CHENEY, WASH.  
(3-8)  
S. 7 WEBER STATE  
S. 14 BOISE STATE  
S. 21 SW TEXAS\*  
S. 28 PORTLAND ST.\*  
O. 5 MONTANA STATE\*  
O. 12 SACRAMENTO ST.  
O. 19 MONTANA\*  
O. 26 IDAHO STATE  
N. 2 IDAHO  
N. 9 N. ARIZONA\*  
N. 16 CAL ST. NORTH

**IDAHO STATE**  
POCATELLO, IDAHO  
(6-5)  
A. 31 OLE MISS  
S. 7 CAL POLY\*  
S. 21 W. MONTANA\*  
S. 28 MONTANA ST.  
O. 5 CAL ST. SAC\*  
O. 12 MONTANA  
O. 26 E. WASHINGTON\*  
N. 2 N. ARIZONA  
N. 9 CAL ST. NORTH\*  
N. 16 PORTLAND ST.  
N. 23 WEBER ST.\*

**PORTLAND STATE**  
PORTLAND, ORE.  
(8-5)  
S. 7 BOISE STATE  
S. 14 SONOMA STATE\*  
S. 21 NORTHERN ARIZONA\*  
S. 28 E. WASHINGTON  
O. 5 CAL ST. NORTH  
O. 12 HOLY CROSS  
O. 19 WEBER STATE\*  
O. 26 MONTANA STATE  
N. 2 SACRAMENTO ST.\*  
N. 9 MONTANA  
N. 16 IDAHO STATE\*

## IVY LEAGUE

**BROWN**  
PROVIDENCE, R.I.  
(5-5)  
S. 21 YALE\*  
S. 28 RHODE ISLAND  
O. 5 COLGATE  
O. 12 PRINCETON  
O. 19 FORDHAM\*  
O. 26 PENNSYLVANIA\*  
N. 2 CORNELL  
N. 9 HARVARD  
N. 16 DARTMOUTH\*  
N. 23 COLUMBIA

**HARVARD**  
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.  
(2-8)  
S. 21 COLUMBIA  
S. 28 BUCKNELL  
O. 5 LAFAYETTE\*  
O. 12 CORNELL\*  
O. 19 HOLY CROSS  
O. 26 PRINCETON  
N. 2 DARTMOUTH\*  
N. 9 BROWN\*  
N. 16 PENNSYLVANIA  
N. 23 YALE\*

**COLUMBIA**  
NEW YORK, N.Y.  
(3-6-1)  
S. 21 HARVARD\*  
O. 5 HOLY CROSS  
O. 12 PENNSYLVANIA  
O. 19 LAFAYETTE\*  
O. 26 YALE  
N. 2 PRINCETON\*  
N. 9 DARTMOUTH  
N. 16 CORNELL\*  
N. 23 BROWN\*

**PENNSYLVANIA**  
PHILADELPHIA, PA.  
(7-3)  
S. 13 GEORGETOWN\*  
S. 21 DARTMOUTH  
S. 28 COLGATE\*  
O. 5 BUCKNELL  
O. 12 COLUMBIA\*  
O. 19 LEHIGH\*  
O. 26 HARVARD\*  
N. 2 COLUMBIA  
N. 9 PENNSYLVANIA\*  
N. 16 YALE  
N. 23 CORNELL

**CORNELL**  
ITHACA, N.Y.  
(6-4)  
S. 21 PRINCETON\*  
S. 28 LAFAYETTE  
O. 5 BUFFALO  
O. 12 HARVARD  
O. 19 COLGATE\*  
O. 26 DARTMOUTH\*  
N. 2 BROWN\*  
N. 9 YALE  
N. 16 COLUMBIA  
N. 23 PENNSYLVANIA\*

**PRINCETON**  
PRINCETON, N.J.  
(8-1-1)  
S. 21 CORNELL  
S. 28 HOLY CROSS\*  
O. 5 LEHIGH\*  
O. 12 BROWN\*  
O. 19 BUCKNELL  
O. 26 HARVARD\*  
N. 2 COLUMBIA  
N. 9 PENNSYLVANIA\*  
N. 16 YALE  
N. 23 DARTMOUTH\*

**DARTMOUTH**  
HANOVER, N.H.  
(7-2-1)  
S. 21 PENNSYLVANIA\*  
S. 28 LEHIGH  
O. 5 FORDHAM\*  
O. 12 HOLY CROSS  
O. 19 YALE\*  
O. 26 CORNELL  
N. 2 HARVARD  
N. 9 COLUMBIA\*  
N. 16 BROWN  
N. 23 PRINCETON

**YALE**  
NEW HAVEN, CONN.  
(3-7)  
S. 21 BROWN  
S. 28 CONNECTICUT\*  
O. 5 ARMY  
O. 12 BUCKNELL\*  
O. 19 DARTMOUTH  
O. 26 COLUMBIA\*  
N. 2 PENNSYLVANIA  
N. 9 CORNELL\*  
N. 16 PRINCETON\*  
N. 23 HARVARD



## MID-EASTERN

**BETHUNE-COOKMAN**  
DAYTONA BEACH, FLA.  
(3-8)  
A.31 MORGHOUSE\*  
S.7 MORRIS BRIDGES\*  
S.14 MORGAN STATE  
O.5 DELAWARE ST.\*  
O.12 HOWARD  
O.19 S. CAROLINA ST.  
O.26 ALABAMA STATE\*  
N.2 N.C. A&T  
N.9 HAMPTON  
N.16 NORFOLK ST.\*  
N.23 FLA. A&M  
OTAMPA, FLA.

**DELAWARE STATE**  
DOVER, DEL.  
(6-5)  
S.7 LOCK HAVEN\*  
S.14 LIBERTY  
S.21 N.C. CENTRAL  
S.28 NORFOLK STATE  
O.5 B. COOKMAN  
O.12 HAMPTON\*  
O.19 DELAWARE A&M\*  
O.26 MORGAN STATE  
N.2 S.C. STATE\*  
N.9 N.C. A&T\*  
N.23 HOWARD  
GATLANTIC CITY, NJ

**FLORIDA A&M**  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA.  
(9-3)  
A.31 TENNESSEE ST.  
S.7 HAMPTON\*  
S.21 JACKSON STATE  
S.28 HOWARD\*  
O.5 HAMPTON  
O.12 N.C. A&T\*  
O.19 DELAWARE STATE  
N.2 MORGAN STATE\*  
N.9 SOUTHERN  
N.16 S.C. STATE  
N.23 B. COOKMAN\*  
ATLANTA, GA  
+DAPA, FL

**HOWARD**  
WASHINGTON, D.C.  
(6-5)  
S.7 MARSHALL  
S.13 HAMPTON\*  
S.21 VIRGINIA ST.\*  
S.28 FLORIDA A&M  
O.12 B. COOKMAN\*  
O.19 MOREHOUSE  
O.26 N.C. A&T\*  
N.2 NORFOLK ST.  
N.9 S.C. STATE  
N.16 MORGAN ST.\*  
N.23 DELAWARE ST.\*

**MORGAN STATE**  
BALTIMORE, MD.  
(1-10)  
A.31 CENTRAL STATE  
S.14 B. COOKMAN\*  
S.21 LIBERTY\*  
S.28 OKLAHOMA  
O.5 S. CAROLINA A&M  
O.19 N. CAROLINA A&T  
O.26 DELAWARE ST.\*  
N.2 FLORIDA A&M  
N.9 TEXAS SOUTHERN  
N.16 HOWARD  
N.23 HAMPTON\*

**N. CAROLINA A&T**  
GREENSBORO, N.C.  
(4-7)  
A.31 N.C. CENTRAL  
S.7 WIL. SALEM ST.\*  
S.14 FAYETTEVILLE ST.\*  
S.21 HAMPTON  
O.5 FLORIDA A&M  
O.19 B. COOKMAN\*  
O.26 HOWARD  
N.2 B. COOKMAN\*  
N.9 DELAWARE ST.  
N.16 GRACKLEND  
N.23 S.C. STATE\*

**SOUTH CAROLINA ST.**  
GREENSBORO, S.C.  
(6-4)  
A.31 GA. SOUTHERN\*  
S.7 CHARLESTON SOU.  
S.14 FURMAN  
S.28 S.C. SOUTHERN\*  
O.5 FLORIDA A&M  
O.19 B. COOKMAN\*  
O.26 HAMPTON\*  
N.2 DELAWARE ST.  
N.9 HOWARD\*  
N.16 FLORIDA A&M  
N.23 N.C. A&T

## OHIO VALLEY

**AUSTIN PEAY**  
CLARKSVILLE, TENN.  
(3-8)  
S.7 ARKANSAS ST.  
S.14 SHAFERD  
S.21 W. KENTUCKY\*  
S.28 MURRAY STATE  
O.5 MURRAY STATE  
O.12 MID. TN. ST.  
O.19 TENNESSEE TECH\*  
O.26 TENNESSEE ST.\*  
N.2 E. ILLINOIS\*  
N.16 E. KENTUCKY\*  
N.23 TENN. MARTIN\*

**EASTERN ILLINOIS**  
CHARLESTON, ILL.  
(10-2)  
A.29 W. MICHIGAN  
S.14 INDIANA ST.\*  
S.21 S. ILLINOIS\*  
S.28 TENN. MARTIN  
O.12 W. ILLINOIS\*  
O.19 MURRAY ST.\*  
O.26 TENNESSEE TECH  
N.2 AUSTIN PEAY  
N.9 S.E. MISSOURI  
N.16 MID. TN. ST.  
N.23 E. KENTUCKY\*

**EASTERN KENTUCKY**  
RICHMOND, KY.  
(9-3)  
S.7 TROY STATE\*  
S.14 W. KENTUCKY  
S.21 APPALACHIAN\*  
S.28 TENNESSEE TECH\*  
O.5 SE. MISSOURI ST.\*  
O.19 MID. TN. ST.  
O.26 TENN. MARTIN  
N.2 TENNESSEE ST.\*  
N.9 MURRAY STATE\*  
N.16 AUSTIN PEAY  
N.23 E. ILLINOIS

**MIDDLE TENNESSEE**  
MURFREESBORO, TENN.  
(7-4)  
A.31 LOUISIANA TECH  
S.7 TENNESSEE ST.  
S.14 TENN. CHATT.  
S.28 MURRAY STATE  
O.5 JACKSONVILLE ST.  
O.19 E. KENTUCKY\*  
O.26 SE. MISSOURI  
N.9 TENN. MARTIN  
N.16 E. ILLINOIS\*  
N.23 TENNESSEE TECH\*

**MURRAY STATE**  
MURRAY, KY.  
(11-1)  
S.7 W. KENTUCKY\*  
S.14 S. ILLINOIS\*  
S.21 SE. MISSOURI ST.  
S.28 MID. TN. ST.\*  
O.5 AUSTIN PEAY\*  
O.12 TENN. MARTIN  
O.19 E. ILLINOIS  
N.2 TENNESSEE TECH\*  
N.9 E. KENTUCKY  
N.16 TENNESSEE ST.\*

**SE MISSOURI ST.**  
CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO.  
(5-6)  
S.14 ILLINOIS STATE  
S.21 MURRAY STATE\*  
S.28 AUSTIN PEAY\*  
O.5 E. KENTUCKY  
O.12 TENNESSEE TECH  
O.19 ARKANSAS ST.  
O.26 MID. TN. ST.\*  
N.2 TENN. MARTIN\*  
N.9 E. ILLINOIS\*  
N.16 S. ILLINOIS\*  
N.23 TENNESSEE ST.

**TENNESSEE STATE**  
NASHVILLE, TENN.  
(2-9)  
A.31 FLORIDA A&M\*  
S.7 MID. TN. ST.\*  
S.14 JACKSON ST.\*  
S.28 SOUTHERN  
O.19 TENN. MARTIN\*  
O.26 AUSTIN PEAY\*  
N.2 E. KENTUCKY  
N.9 TENNESSEE TECH  
N.16 MURRAY ST.  
N.23 SE. MISSOURI\*  
QUANDERS STADIUM  
+MEMPHIS, TN  
#BATON ROUGE, LA.

**TENNESSEE TECH**  
COOKEVILLE, TENN.  
(3-8)  
S.7 APPALACHIAN ST.  
S.21 SAUFORD\*  
S.28 E. KENTUCKY  
O.5 TENN. MARTIN\*  
O.12 SE. MISSOURI\*  
O.19 AUSTIN PEAY  
O.26 E. ILLINOIS  
N.2 MURRAY STATE  
N.9 TENNESSEE ST.\*  
N.16 ILLINOIS STATE  
N.23 MID. TN. ST.

**TENN. MARTIN**  
MARTIN, TENN.  
(5-6)  
S.7 S. ILLINOIS  
S.21 SE. MISSOURI\*  
S.28 E. ILLINOIS\*  
O.5 TENN. TECH  
O.12 MURRAY STATE\*  
O.19 TENNESSEE ST.  
O.26 E. KENTUCKY\*  
N.2 SE. MISSOURI  
N.9 MID. TN. ST.\*  
N.16 SAUFORD  
N.23 AUSTIN PEAY

## PATRIOT

**BUCKNELL**  
LEWISBURG, PA.  
(7-4)  
S.14 TOWSON ST.\*  
S.21 WM. & MARY\*  
S.28 HARVARD\*  
O.5 PENNSYLVANIA\*  
O.12 VAIL  
O.19 PRINCETON\*  
O.26 HOLY CROSS  
N.2 LEHIGH  
N.9 LAFAYETTE  
N.16 FORDHAM\*  
N.23 COLGATE\*

**COLGATE**  
HAMILTON, N.Y.  
(0-11)  
S.7 RICHMOND  
S.14 BUFFALO\*  
S.21 HOLY CROSS\*  
S.28 PENNSYLVANIA  
O.5 BROWN\*  
O.12 TOWSON ST.\*  
O.19 CORNELL  
O.26 LAFAYETTE\*  
N.9 FORDHAM  
N.16 LEHIGH  
N.23 BUCKNELL

**FORDHAM**  
BRONX, N.Y.  
(4-6-1)  
S.7 MAINE\*  
S.14 LEHIGH  
S.21 VILLANOVA  
S.28 COLLEGE\*  
O.5 DARTMOUTH  
O.12 LAFAYETTE\*  
O.19 BROWN  
O.26 GEORGETOWN\*  
N.2 HOLY CROSS\*  
N.9 COLGATE\*  
N.16 BUCKNELL

**HOLY CROSS**  
WORCHESTER, MASS.  
(2-9)  
S.14 MASSACHUSETTS\*  
S.21 COLGATE  
S.28 PRINCETON  
O.5 COLLEGE\*  
O.12 DARTMOUTH\*  
O.19 HARVARD\*  
O.26 BUCKNELL\*  
N.2 FORDHAM  
N.9 LEHIGH\*  
N.16 LAFAYETTE  
N.23 GEORGETOWN

**LAFAYETTE**  
EASTON, PA.  
(4-6-1)  
S.14 MILLERSVILLE\*  
S.21 NORTH-EASTERN\*  
S.28 CORNELL\*  
O.5 HARVARD  
O.12 FORDHAM  
O.19 COLLEGE  
O.26 COLGATE  
N.2 ARMY  
N.9 BUCKNELL\*  
N.16 HOLY CROSS\*  
N.23 LEHIGH\*

**LEHIGH**  
BETHLEHEM, PA.  
(8-3)  
S.7 DELAWARE  
S.14 FORDHAM\*  
S.21 BUFFALO\*  
S.28 DARTMOUTH\*  
O.5 PRINCETON  
O.12 NEW HAMPSHIRE  
O.19 PENNSYLVANIA  
N.2 BUCKNELL\*  
N.9 HOLY CROSS  
N.16 COLGATE\*  
N.23 LAFAYETTE

## PIONEER

**BUTLER**  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.  
(2-8)  
S.9 TOWSON STATE\*  
S.14 ROBERT MORRIS  
S.21 KILLIKEN\*  
O.5 DRAKE  
O.12 VALPARAISO  
O.19 DAYTON\*  
N.2 EVANSVILLE\*  
N.9 ST. JOSEPH'S

**DAYTON**  
DAYTON, OH  
(9-2)  
S.7 MOREHEAD ST.\*  
S.14 GEORGETOWN\*  
S.21 WIS. PLATT\*  
S.28 TOWSON STATE  
O.5 BUTLER\*  
O.12 ROBERT MORRIS\*  
O.19 BUTLER  
O.26 DRAKE\*  
N.2 VALPARAISO  
N.9 WOFFORD\*  
N.16 SAN DIEGO

**DRAKE**  
DES MOINES, IA  
(8-1-1)  
S.7 MORNINGSIDE  
S.14 ST. NORBERT  
S.21 SAN DIEGO\*  
S.28 ST. MARY'S  
O.5 BUTLER\*  
O.12 EVANSVILLE  
O.19 VALPARAISO\*  
O.26 DAYTON  
N.2 AURORA  
N.9 WAYNE ST.\*  
N.16 NORTHWESTERN (IA)

**EVANSVILLE**  
EVANSVILLE, IND.  
(5-5)  
S.14 CINCINNATI  
S.21 QUINCY  
S.28 MORNINGSIDE  
O.5 DAYTON\*  
O.12 DRAKE\*  
O.19 SAN DIEGO  
O.26 VALPARAISO\*  
N.2 BUTLER  
N.9 KENTUCKY WES.  
N.16 MOREHEAD ST.\*

**SAN DIEGO**  
SAN DIEGO, CALIF.  
(5-5)  
S.7 CHICO STATE  
S.14 CAL. LUTHERAN\*  
S.21 DRAKE  
S.28 VALPARAISO\*  
O.5 ST. MARY'S  
O.19 EVANSVILLE\*  
O.26 BUTLER  
N.2 WHITTIER\*  
N.9 AZUSA PACIFIC  
N.16 DAYTON\*

**VALPARAISO**  
VALPARAISO, IND.  
(5-5)  
S.7 HOPE  
S.14 ALMA\*  
S.21 MOREHEAD ST.\*  
S.28 SAN DIEGO  
O.12 BUTLER\*  
O.19 DRAKE  
O.26 EVANSVILLE  
N.2 DAYTON\*  
N.9 AURORA\*  
N.16 KENTUCKY WES.

## SOUTHERN

**APPALACHIAN ST.**  
BOONE, N.C.  
(12-1)  
A.31 WAKE FOREST  
S.7 TENNESSEE TECH\*  
S.21 E. KENTUCKY  
S.28 THE CITADEL\*  
O.5 E. TENN. ST.  
O.12 FURMAN\*  
O.19 GA. SOUTHERN  
O.26 MARSHALL\*  
N.2 TENN. CHATT.  
N.16 W. CAROLINA  
N.23 VMI\*

**THE CITADEL**  
CHARLESTON, S.C.  
(2-9)  
S.7 MIAMI (FL)  
S.14 RICHMOND\*  
S.21 W. CAROLINA\*  
S.28 APPALACHIAN ST.  
O.12 E. TENN. ST.\*  
O.19 FURMAN  
O.26 GA. SOUTHERN\*  
N.2 MARSHALL  
N.9 TENN. CHATT.\*  
N.16 VMI  
N.23 WOFFORD\*

**E. TENNESSEE ST.**  
JOHNSON CITY, TENN.  
(4-7)  
A.31 LIBERTY\*  
S.7 EAST CAROLINA  
S.14 W. VIRGINIA ST.\*  
S.21 VMI\*  
S.28 W. CAROLINA  
O.5 APPALACHIAN ST.\*  
O.12 THE CITADEL  
O.26 FURMAN\*  
N.2 GA. SOUTHERN  
N.9 MARSHALL\*  
N.16 TENN. CHATT.

**FURMAN**  
GREENVILLE, S.C.  
(8-5)  
S.7 CLEMSON  
S.14 S.C. STATE\*  
S.21 WOFFORD\*  
S.28 VMI  
O.5 W. CAROLINA\*  
O.12 APPALACHIAN ST.\*  
O.19 THE CITADEL  
O.26 E. TENN. ST.  
N.9 GA. SOUTHERN\*  
N.16 MARSHALL  
N.23 TENN. CHATT.\*

**GEORGIA SOUTHERN**  
STATESBORO, GA.  
(9-4)  
A.31 S. CAROLINA ST.  
S.7 FLORIDA  
S.21 MARSHALL\*  
S.28 TENN. CHATT.  
O.5 VMI\*  
O.12 W. CAROLINA  
O.19 APPALACHIAN ST.\*  
O.26 THE CITADEL  
N.2 E. TENN. ST.\*  
N.9 FURMAN  
N.16 LIBERTY\*

**MARSHALL**  
HUNTINGTON, W.VA.  
(12-3)  
S.7 HOWARD\*  
S.14 WEST VIRGINIA ST.\*  
S.21 GA. SOUTHERN  
S.28 W. KENTUCKY\*  
O.5 TENN. CHATT.\*  
O.12 VMI  
O.19 W. CAROLINA\*  
O.26 APPALACHIAN ST.  
N.2 THE CITADEL  
N.9 E. TENN. ST.  
N.16 FURMAN\*

**TENN. CHATT.**  
CHATTANOOGA, TENN.  
(4-7)  
A.31 COLORADO ST.  
S.14 MID. TN. ST.  
S.21 MISS. VALLEY\*  
S.28 GA. SOUTHERN\*  
O.5 MARSHALL  
O.19 VMI\*  
O.26 W. CAROLINA  
N.2 APPALACHIAN ST.\*  
N.9 THE CITADEL  
N.16 E. TENN. ST.\*  
N.23 FURMAN

**VMI**  
LEXINGTON, VA.  
(4-7)  
S.7 OLE MISS\*  
S.14 WM. & MARY  
S.21 E. TENN. ST.\*  
S.28 FURMAN\*  
O.5 GA. SOUTHERN  
O.12 MARSHALL\*  
O.19 TENN. CHATT.  
N.2 W. CAROLINA\*  
N.9 ROCKMONT\*  
N.16 THE CITADEL\*  
N.23 APPALACHIAN ST.  
#JACKSON, MS

**WESTERN CAROLINA**  
CULLOWHEE, N.C.  
(3-7)  
S.7 LIBERTY  
S.14 WOFFORD\*  
S.21 THE CITADEL  
S.28 E. TENN. ST.\*  
O.5 FURMAN  
O.12 GA. SOUTHERN\*  
O.19 MARSHALL  
O.26 TENN. CHATT.\*  
N.2 VMI  
N.9 ELON\*  
N.16 APPALACHIAN ST.\*



# 1996 College Schedules

\* Home game

## SOUTHLAND

### McNEESE STATE LAKE CHARLES, LA. (13-1)

S. 7 S.W. MISSOURI\*  
S. 14 J. MADISON\*  
S. 21 ANGELO ST.\*  
S. 28 N. IOWA  
O. 5 ARK. MOBILE\*  
O. 12 TROY ST.\*  
O. 26 SAM HOUSTON ST.\*  
N. 2 S.F. AUSTIN\*  
N. 9 S.W. TEXAS ST.\*  
N. 16 N.W. STATE  
N. 23 NICHOLLS ST.\*

### STEPHEN F. AUSTIN NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS (11-2)

S. 7 DELTA ST.\*  
S. 14 N. IOWA  
S. 28 TROY ST.\*  
O. 12 SAM HOUSTON ST.\*  
O. 19 NICHOLLS ST.\*  
O. 26 SAMFORD\*  
N. 2 McNEESE ST.\*  
N. 9 JACKSONVILLE ST.\*  
N. 16 S.W. TEXAS ST.\*  
N. 23 N.W. STATE\*

### NICHOLLS STATE THIBODAUX, LA. (0-11)

A. 29 NE LOUISIANA  
S. 14 JACKSONVILLE ST.\*  
S. 21 TROY ST.\*  
O. 5 SAMFORD  
O. 12 N.W. STATE\*  
O. 19 S.F. AUSTIN\*  
O. 26 S.W. TEXAS ST.\*  
N. 2 SOUTHERN\*  
N. 9 SAM HOUSTON ST.\*  
N. 16 HARDING\*  
N. 23 McNEESE ST.\*

### SW TEXAS STATE SAN MARCOS, TEXAS (4-7)

A. 31 GRAND VALLEY\*  
S. 14 HOFSTRA\*  
S. 21 E. WASHINGTON  
S. 28 IDAHO\*  
O. 12 SOUTHERN UTAH  
O. 19 TROY STATE  
N. 2 McNEESE ST.\*  
N. 2 N.W. STATE  
N. 9 McNEESE ST.\*  
N. 16 S.F. AUSTIN\*  
N. 23 SAM HOUSTON ST.\*

### NORTHWESTERN ST. NATCHITOCHES, LA. (6-5)

S. 7 SOUTHERN\*  
S. 21 EAST TEXAS ST.\*  
S. 28 BOISE STATE  
O. 5 NE LOUISIANA  
O. 12 NICHOLLS ST.\*  
O. 19 SAM HOUSTON ST.\*  
O. 26 YOUNGSTOWN ST.\*  
N. 2 SW TEXAS ST.\*  
N. 9 TROY ST.\*  
N. 16 McNEESE ST.\*  
N. 23 S.F. AUSTIN\*

### SAM HOUSTON ST. HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS (5-5)

A. 31 HOUSTON  
S. 14 TEX. A&M-KING  
S. 21 NE LOUISIANA  
S. 28 TEX. SOUTHERN\*  
O. 12 S.F. AUSTIN  
O. 19 N.W. ST.\*  
O. 26 McNEESE ST.\*  
N. 9 NICHOLLS ST.\*  
N. 16 TROY ST.\*  
N. 23 S.W. TEXAS ST.\*

## SWAC

### ALABAMA STATE MONTGOMERY, ALA. (8-3)

S. 1 JACKSON ST.\*  
S. 7 TEXAS SOUTHERN\*  
S. 14 SOUTHERN  
S. 21 ALABAMA ST.\*  
S. 28 SAMFORD  
O. 5 TROY STATE  
O. 19 PRAIRIE VIEW  
O. 26 ALABAMA A&M\*  
N. 9 GRAMBLING  
N. 16 MISS. VAL. ST.\*  
N. 23 TUSKEGEE\*

### MISSISSIPPI VALLEY ITTA BENA, MISS. (2-9)

A. 31 MORRIS BROWN  
S. 7 ARK. PB\*  
S. 21 TENN. CHATT.  
S. 28 JACKSON ST.\*  
O. 5 SOUTHERN  
O. 12 GRAMBLING\*  
O. 19 LANE\*  
O. 26 TEXAS SOUTHERN  
N. 2 PRAIRIE VIEW\*  
N. 9 ALCOURN ST.\*  
N. 16 ALABAMA ST.\*

### ALCORN STATE LORMAN, MISS. (4-7)

A. 31 TROY STATE\*  
S. 7 GRAMBLING  
S. 21 ALABAMA ST.\*  
S. 28 SAMFORD  
O. 5 ARK. PB\*  
O. 12 PRAIRIE VIEW  
O. 19 TEXAS SOUTHERN\*  
O. 26 SOUTHERN\*  
N. 9 MISS. VAL. ST.\*  
N. 23 JACKSON ST.\*

### PRAIRIE VIEW A&M PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS (0-11)

A. 31 TEXAS SOUTHERN  
S. 7 ABILENE CHRISTIAN\*  
S. 14 HARDIN-SIMMONS  
S. 21 SOUTHERN\*  
S. 28 GRAMBLING\*  
O. 5 LANGSTON  
O. 12 ALCOURN STATE\*  
O. 19 ALABAMA STATE\*  
N. 2 MISS. VALLEY  
N. 9 MIDWESTERN STATE  
N. 16 JACKSON ST.\*  
@HOUSTON, TX  
\*DALLAS, TX

### GRAMBLING GRAMBLING, LA. (5-6)

S. 7 ALCORN ST.\*  
S. 14 CENTRAL ST.\*  
S. 28 PRAIRIE VIEW\*  
O. 12 MISS. VAL. ST.\*  
O. 19 ARK. PB\*  
O. 26 JACKSON ST.\*  
N. 2 TEXAS SOUTHERN  
N. 9 ALABAMA ST.\*  
N. 16 N. CAROLINA A&T\*  
N. 30 SOUTHERN\*  
@DALLAS, TX  
\*NEW ORLEANS, LA

### SOUTHERN BATON ROUGE, LA. (11-1)

S. 7 NORTHWESTERN ST.  
S. 14 ALABAMA ST.\*  
S. 21 PRAIRIE VIEW\*  
S. 28 TENNESSEE ST.\*  
O. 5 MISS. VALLEY\*  
O. 19 JACKSON ST.\*  
O. 26 ALCORN ST.\*  
N. 2 NICHOLLS ST.\*  
N. 9 FLORIDA A&M\*  
N. 16 TEXAS SOUTHERN\*  
N. 30 GRAMBLING\*  
@HOUSTON, TX  
\*NEW ORLEANS, LA

### JACKSON STATE JACKSON, MISS. (9-3)

S. 1 ALABAMA ST.\*  
S. 14 TENNESSEE ST.\*  
S. 21 FLORIDA A&M\*  
S. 28 MISS. VALLEY\*  
O. 5 TEXAS SOUTHERN\*  
O. 19 SOUTHERN  
O. 26 GRAMBLING  
N. 2 ARK. PB  
N. 16 PRAIRIE VIEW\*  
N. 23 ALCORN ST.\*  
@MEMPHIS, TN

### TEXAS SOUTHERN HOUSTON, TEXAS (2-8)

A. 31 PRAIRIE VIEW\*  
S. 7 ALABAMA ST.\*  
S. 21 LANE\*  
S. 28 SAM HOUSTON ST.\*  
O. 5 JACKSON ST.\*  
O. 12 ARK. PB\*  
O. 19 ALCORN ST.\*  
O. 26 MISS. VALLEY\*  
N. 2 GRAMBLING\*  
N. 9 MORGAN ST.\*  
N. 16 SOUTHERN  
@HOUSTON, TX

## YANKEE

### BOSTON BOSTON, MASS. (3-8)

S. 7 ST. MARY'S (CAI)  
S. 14 MAINE  
S. 21 JAMES MADISON\*  
S. 28 RICHMOND\*  
O. 5 DELAWARE  
O. 12 MASSACHUSETTS  
O. 19 HOFSTRA\*  
O. 26 RHODE ISLAND  
N. 2 CONNECTICUT\*  
N. 9 NORTHEASTERN  
N. 16 NEW HAMPSHIRE\*

### RHODE ISLAND KINGSTON, R.I. (7-4)

S. 7 WM. & MARY\*  
S. 14 NEW HAMPSHIRE\*  
S. 21 MAINE  
S. 28 BROWN\*  
O. 5 MASSACHUSETTS\*  
O. 19 CONNECTICUT  
O. 26 BOSTON\*  
N. 2 VILLANOVA  
N. 16 DELAWARE  
N. 23 HOFSTRA

### CONNECTICUT STORRS, CONN. (8-3)

S. 7 BUFFALO  
S. 14 NORTHEASTERN  
S. 21 NEW HAMPSHIRE  
S. 28 YALE  
O. 5 VILLANOVA\*  
O. 12 MAINE\*  
O. 19 RHODE ISLAND\*  
O. 26 HOFSTRA\*  
N. 2 BOSTON  
N. 9 JAMES MADISON\*  
N. 16 MASSACHUSETTS

### RICHMOND RICHMOND, VA. (7-3-1)

S. 7 COLGATE\*  
S. 14 THE CITADEL  
S. 21 MASSACHUSETTS\*  
S. 28 BOSTON  
O. 5 NORTHEASTERN  
O. 12 DELAWARE\*  
O. 19 JAMES MADISON\*  
O. 26 VILLANOVA\*  
N. 2 NEW HAMPSHIRE  
N. 9 VMI  
N. 16 WM. & MARY\*

### DELAWARE STORRS, CONN. (11-2)

S. 7 LEHIGH\*  
S. 14 VILLANOVA  
S. 21 WEST CHESTER\*  
S. 28 MAINE  
O. 5 BOSTON\*  
O. 12 RICHMOND  
O. 19 NORTHEASTERN\*  
O. 26 JAMES MADISON\*  
N. 2 WM. & MARY  
N. 9 NAVY  
N. 16 RHODE ISLAND\*

### VILLANOVA VILLANOVA, PA. (3-8)

A. 31 RUTGERS  
S. 7 MASSACHUSETTS\*  
S. 14 DELAWARE\*  
S. 21 FORDHAM\*  
O. 5 CONNECTICUT  
O. 12 NORTHEASTERN  
O. 19 WM. & MARY\*  
O. 26 RICHMOND  
N. 2 RHODE ISLAND\*  
N. 9 NEW HAMPSHIRE  
N. 16 JAMES MADISON

### JAMES MADISON HARRISONBURG, VA. (8-4)

S. 7 SHIPPENSBURG\*  
S. 14 McNEESE ST.\*  
S. 21 BOSTON\*  
S. 28 NEW HAMPSHIRE\*  
O. 5 MAINE\*  
O. 12 WM. & MARY\*  
O. 19 RICHMOND  
O. 26 DELAWARE  
N. 2 NORTHEASTERN\*  
N. 9 CONNECTICUT  
N. 16 VILLANOVA\*

### WILLIAM & MARY WILLIAMSBURG, VA. (7-4)

A. 31 C. FLORIDA  
S. 7 RHODE ISLAND  
S. 14 VMI\*  
S. 21 BUCKNELL  
S. 28 RHODE ISLAND  
O. 5 NEW HAMPSHIRE\*  
O. 12 JAMES MADISON  
O. 19 VILLANOVA  
O. 26 NORTHEASTERN\*  
N. 2 DELAWARE\*  
N. 9 MASSACHUSETTS\*  
N. 16 RICHMOND

### MAINE ORONO, MAINE (3-8)

A. 31 NORTHEASTERN  
S. 7 FORDHAM  
S. 14 BOSTON\*  
S. 21 RHODE ISLAND\*  
S. 28 DELAWARE\*  
O. 5 JAMES MADISON  
O. 12 CONNECTICUT  
O. 19 NEW HAMPSHIRE\*  
N. 2 MASSACHUSETTS  
N. 9 HOFSTRA  
N. 16 BUFFALO\*

### MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST, MASS. (6-5)

S. 7 VILLANOVA  
S. 14 HOLY CROSS  
S. 21 RICHMOND  
S. 28 NORTHEASTERN\*  
O. 5 RHODE ISLAND\*  
O. 12 BOSTON\*  
O. 19 BUFFALO\*  
O. 26 NEW HAMPSHIRE  
N. 2 MAINE\*  
N. 9 WM. & MARY  
N. 16 CONNECTICUT\*

### NEW HAMPSHIRE DURHAM, N.H. (6-5)

S. 7 RHODE ISLAND  
S. 21 CONNECTICUT\*  
S. 28 JAMES MADISON  
O. 5 WM. & MARY  
O. 12 LEHIGH\*  
O. 19 MAINE  
O. 26 MASSACHUSETTS\*  
N. 2 RICHMOND\*  
N. 9 VILLANOVA\*  
N. 16 BOSTON  
N. 23 NORTHEASTERN

### NORTHEASTERN BOSTON, MASS. (4-7)

A. 31 MAINE\*  
S. 14 CONNECTICUT\*  
S. 21 LAFAYETTE  
S. 28 MASSACHUSETTS\*  
O. 5 RICHMOND\*  
O. 12 VILLANOVA\*  
O. 19 DELAWARE  
O. 26 WM. & MARY  
N. 2 JAMES MADISON  
N. 9 BOSTON  
N. 23 NEW HAMPSHIRE\*

## I-AA INDEPENDENTS

### BUFFALO BUFFALO, NEW YORK (3-8)

A. 29 ILLINOIS ST.\*  
S. 7 CONNECTICUT\*  
S. 14 COLGATE  
S. 21 LEHIGH  
S. 28 EDINBORO\*  
O. 5 CORNELL\*  
O. 12 YOUNGSTOWN ST.\*  
O. 19 MASSACHUSETTS  
N. 2 HOFSTRA  
N. 9 NEW HAVEN\*  
N. 16 MAINE

### MOREHEAD STATE MOREHEAD, KY. (2-8)

S. 7 DAYTON  
S. 21 VALPARAISO  
O. 5 CHARLESTON SOU.  
O. 12 WOFFORD  
N. 9 W. KENTUCKY\*  
N. 16 EVANSVILLE  
(Schedule incomplete at press time.)

### WAGNER STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. (8-2)

S. 14 IOWA  
S. 21 C.W. POST\*  
S. 28 MARIST\*  
O. 5 ST. FRANCIS (PA)  
O. 12 MONMOUTH\*  
O. 19 ST. PETER'S\*  
O. 26 C. CONNECTICUT  
N. 2 ROBERT MORRIS\*  
N. 9 STONY BROOK  
N. 16 TOWSON ST.

### CAL POLY SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIF. (5-6)

S. 7 IDAHO ST.\*  
S. 14 MONTANA  
S. 21 WEBER ST.\*  
O. 5 IDAHO  
O. 12 SAINT MARY'S\*  
O. 19 S. UTAH\*  
O. 26 W. ILLINOIS  
O. 12 CALDWELL\*  
N. 9 MONTANA ST.  
N. 23 CAL ST. SAC.

### ROBERT MORRIS CORAPOLIS, PA. (6-4)

S. 7 MERCYHURST  
S. 14 BUTLER\*  
S. 21 TOWSON STATE\*  
O. 5 C. CONN. ST.\*  
O. 5 GANNON\*  
O. 12 DAYTON  
O. 26 MONMOUTH\*  
N. 2 WAGNER  
N. 9 ST. FRANCIS  
N. 16 C.W. POST\*

### WESTERN KENTUCKY BOWLING GREEN, KY. (2-8)

A. 31 KY. WESLEYAN\*  
S. 7 MURRAY ST.  
S. 14 E. KENTUCKY\*  
S. 21 AUSTIN PEAY  
S. 28 MARSHALL  
O. 5 UAB  
O. 12 JACKSONVILLE ST.  
O. 19 LIBERTY\*  
O. 26 INDIANA ST.\*  
N. 2 S. ILLINOIS\*  
N. 9 MOREHEAD ST.

### CENTRAL CONN. ST. NEW BRITAIN, CT. (2-8)

S. 7 ALBANY  
S. 14 FAIRFIELD  
S. 21 FROSTBURG ST.  
S. 28 ROBERT MORRIS\*  
O. 5 TOWSON ST.\*  
O. 12 STONYBROOK\*  
O. 26 WAGNER\*  
N. 2 ST. FRANCIS (PA)\*  
N. 9 C. CONN. ST.  
N. 16 MONMOUTH\*

### SAMFORD BIRMINGHAM, ALA. (7-4)

S. 7 KNOXVILLE\*  
S. 14 AUSTIN PEAY\*  
S. 21 TENNESSEE TECH  
S. 28 ALCORN STATE\*  
O. 5 NICHOLLS STATE\*  
O. 12 C. FLORIDA  
O. 19 JACKSONVILLE ST.  
O. 26 S. F. AUSTIN  
N. 2 WOFFORD\*  
N. 16 TENN. MARTIN\*  
N. 23 TROY STATE

### WOFFORD COLLEGE SPARTANBURG, S.C. (4-7)

S. 7 LENOIR RHYNE\*  
S. 14 W. CAROLINA  
S. 21 FURMAN  
O. 5 PRESBYTERIAN\*  
O. 12 MOREHEAD ST.\*  
O. 19 NEWBERRY  
O. 26 SAMFORD  
N. 9 DAYTON  
N. 16 CHARLESTON SO.\*  
N. 23 THE CITADEL

### CHARLESTON SOUTHERN CHARLESTON, S.C. (1-10)

S. 7 S.C. STATE\*  
S. 14 PRESBYTERIAN  
S. 21 WEST VA. ST.\*  
S. 28 HOFSTRA\*  
O. 5 MOREHEAD ST.\*  
O. 12 NEWBERRY\*  
O. 26 LIBERTY  
N. 2 NEW HAVEN\*  
N. 9 TUSCULUM\*  
N. 16 WOFFORD  
N. 21 LAB

### SOUTHERN UTAH CEDAR CITY, UT. (2-9)

A. 31 N. IOWA\*  
S. 7 WEBER ST.  
S. 14 N. ARIZONA  
S. 21 WESTERN ST.\*  
S. 28 MONTANA TECH\*  
O. 5 MONTANA  
O. 12 SW TEXAS\*  
O. 19 CAL POLY SLO  
O. 26 NEW MEXICO ST.\*  
N. 2 SAINT MARY'S\*  
N. 16 CAL DAVIS

### YOUNGSTOWN STATE YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO (3-8)

S. 5 SLIPPERY ROCK\*  
S. 14 KENT  
S. 21 ILLINOIS ST.\*  
O. 5 PRESBYTERIAN\*  
O. 12 BUFFALO  
O. 19 ASHLAND\*  
O. 26 NORTHWESTERN ST.\*  
N. 2 N. IOWA\*  
N. 9 SW MISSOURI  
N. 16 HOFSTRA

### DAVIDSON DAVIDSON, N.C. (1-8-1)

S. 14 MARYVILLE  
S. 21 SEAWANEE  
S. 28 EMORY & HENRY\*  
O. 5 GULFORD\*  
O. 12 WASH. & LEE\*  
O. 19 METHODIST  
O. 26 RANDOLPH-MACON\*  
N. 2 HAMPTON SYDNEY  
N. 9 CENTRE\*  
N. 16 BRIDGEWATER  
N. 23 RHODE ISLAND\*

### ST. FRANCIS LORETO, PA. (0-10)

S. 7 WAYNESBORO\*  
S. 14 MONMOUTH  
S. 21 GANNON  
O. 5 WAGNER\*  
O. 12 DUQUESNE\*  
O. 19 MERCYHURST\*  
O. 26 TOWSON STATE  
N. 2 C. CONN. ST.  
N. 9 ROBERT MORRIS\*  
N. 16 BETHANY\*

### HOFSTRA HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (10-2)

S. 7 SACRAMENTO ST.\*  
S. 14 SW TEXAS ST.\*  
S. 21 W. ILLINOIS\*  
S. 28 CHARLESTON SOU.  
O. 5 LIBERTY  
O. 19 BOSTON  
O. 26 CONNECTICUT  
O. 26 CHARLESTON SOU.\*  
N. 9 MAINE\*  
N. 16 YOUNGSTOWN ST.\*  
N. 23 RHODE ISLAND\*

### ST. MARY'S MORAGA, CALIF. (8-2)

S. 7 BOSTON\*  
S. 14 IDAHO  
S. 21 SONOMA ST.  
O. 5 DRAKE\*  
O. 5 SAN DIEGO\*  
O. 12 CAL POLY SLO  
O. 26 CAL DAVIS  
N. 2 SOUTHERN UTAH  
N. 9 CHAPMAN\*  
N. 16 HUMBOLDT ST.\*

### LIBERTY LYNCHBURG, VA. (6-3)

A. 31 E. TENNESSEE ST.  
S. 7 W. CAROLINA\*  
S. 14 DELAWARE ST.\*  
S. 21 MORGAN ST.\*  
S. 28 IDAHO ST.\*  
O. 5 HOFSTRA\*  
O. 19 W. KENTUCKY  
O. 26 CHARLESTON SOU.\*  
N. 9 HAMPTON  
N. 16 GA SOUTHERN

### TOWSON STATE TOWSON, MD. (6-4)

S. 7 BUTLER  
S. 14 BUCKNELL  
S. 21 ROBERT MORRIS  
S. 28 DAYTON\*  
O. 5 C. CONN. ST.\*  
O. 12 COLATE\*  
O. 19 MONMOUTH  
N. 2 MARIST  
N. 16 WAGNER\*  
N. 23 SAMFORD\*

### MONMOUTH W. LONG BRANCH, N.J. (7-3)

S. 7 S. CONNECTICUT\*  
S. 14 ST. FRANCIS\*  
S. 21 PACE\*  
S. 28 C.W. POST  
O. 5 MERCYHURST  
O. 12 WAGNER  
O. 19 TOWSON STATE\*  
O. 26 ROBERT MORRIS  
N. 9 SIENA  
N. 16 C. CONNECTICUT

### TROY STATE TROY, AL. (11-1)

A. 31 ALCORN ST.  
S. 7 E. KENTUCKY  
S. 21 NORTHOLLS STATE\*  
S. 28 S.F. AUSTIN STATE  
O. 5 ALABAMA STATE\*  
O. 12 McNEESE STATE\*  
O. 19 SW TEXAS ST.\*  
O. 26 JACKSONVILLE ST.  
N. 9 NORTHWESTERN ST.  
N. 16 SAM HOUSTON ST.  
N. 23 SAMFORD\*



## MAJOR COLLEGE COACHING CHANGES

School	Head Coach	Former Head Coach
California	Steve Mariucci (Green Bay Packers Quarterbacks Coach)	Keith Gilbertson
Georgia	Jim Donnan (Marshall Head Coach)	Ray Goff
Hawaii	Fred vonAppen (Colorado Defensive Line Coach)	Bob Wagner
Louisiana Tech	Gary Crowton (Louisiana Tech Offensive Coordinator)	Joe Raymond Peace
Northern Illinois	Joe Novak (Indiana Defensive Coordinator)	Charlie Saddler
Oklahoma	John Blake (Dallas Cowboys Defensive Line Coach)	Howard Schnellenberger
Rutgers	Terry Shea (British Columbia Lions Quarterbacks Coach)	Doug Graber
UCLA	Bob Toledo (UCLA Offensive Coordinator)	Terry Donahue

## DIVISION I-A MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

- Pacific, formerly a Big West member, dropped program.
- UAB moved from I-AA to I-A as an Independent.
- Central Florida moved from I-AA to I-A as an Independent.
- Idaho moved from I-AA to I-A as a member of the Big West.
- Boise State moved from I-AA to I-A as a member of the Big West.

## DIVISION I-A 1995 SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Player	Player, Team	Total
<b>Passing and Rushing</b>		
Rushing plays:	Robert Holcomb, Illinois	49
Rushing yards:	Eddie George, Ohio State	314
Passes attempted:	Rusty LaRue, Wake Forest	78
Passes completed:	Rusty LaRue, Wake Forest	55
Passing yards:	Mike Maxwell, Nevada	552
<b>Receiving and Returns</b>		
Passes caught:	Alex Van Dyke, Nevada	18
Receiving yards:	Alex Van Dyke, Nevada	314
Punt return yards:	Chris McCranie, Georgia	225
Kickoff return yards:	Eddie Kennison, LSU	190

Team	Total
Points scored:	Florida State, Nebraska, South Carolina, Virginia Tech 77
Rushing yards:	Nebraska 624
Passing yards:	Nevada 552
Total yards:	Florida State 797
Fewest rushing yards:	North Texas -44
Fewest total yards:	Akron 39

## BOWLS 1995-96 SCORES

<b>FIESTA BOWL</b>	Nebraska 62, Florida 24
<b>ORANGE BOWL</b>	Florida State 31, Notre Dame 26
<b>SUGAR BOWL</b>	Virginia Tech 28, Texas 10
<b>ROSE BOWL</b>	USC 41, Northwestern 32
<b>COTTON BOWL</b>	Colorado 38, Oregon 6
<b>GATOR BOWL</b>	Syracuse 41, Clemson 0
<b>FLORIDA CITRUS BOWL</b>	Tennessee 20, Ohio State 14
<b>OUTBACK BOWL</b>	Penn State 43, Auburn 14
<b>PEACH BOWL</b>	Virginia 34, Georgia 27
<b>CARQUEST BOWL</b>	North Carolina 20, Arkansas 10
<b>LIBERTY BOWL</b>	East Carolina 19, Stanford 13
<b>HOLIDAY BOWL</b>	Kansas State 54, Colorado State 21
<b>INDEPENDENCE BOWL</b>	LSU 45, Michigan State 26
<b>SUN BOWL</b>	Iowa 38, Washington 18
<b>ALAMO BOWL</b>	Texas A&M 22, Michigan 20
<b>COPPER BOWL</b>	Texas Tech 55, Air Force 41
<b>ALOHA BOWL</b>	Kansas 51, UCLA 30
<b>LAS VEGAS BOWL</b>	Toledo 40, Nevada 37 (OT)

## BOWL GAME HIGHS

Individual	
<b>Yards rushing</b>	Byron Hunsford, Texas Tech (Copper) 24-260
<b>Yards passing</b>	Hines Ward, Georgia (Peach) 31-59-2 int.-1 TD-413
<b>Most touchdowns</b>	Wasean Tait, Toledo (Las Vegas) 4
	Byron Hunsford, Texas Tech (Copper) 4
<b>TDs passing</b>	Brian Kavanaugh, Kansas State (Holiday) 18-24-1 int.-4 TD-242
	Wally Richardson, Penn State (Outback) 13-24-1 int.-4 TD-217
	Danny Kanneil, Florida State (Orange) 20-32-2 int.-4 TD-290
<b>Total offense</b>	Hines Ward, Georgia (Peach) 469
<b>Most receptions</b>	Alex Van Dyke, Nevada (Las Vegas) 14-176
<b>Most field goals</b>	Kyle Bryant, Texas A&M (Alamo) 5
<b>Longest field goal</b>	Phil Dawson, Texas (Sugar) 52
<b>Longest run</b>	Derrick Mason, Michigan State (Independence) 100 (kickoff)
<b>Longest TD pass</b>	Mike Groh to Demetrius Allen, Virginia (Peach) 83

Team	
<b>Yards rushing</b>	Nebraska (Fiesta) vs. Florida 524
<b>Yards passing</b>	Georgia (Peach) vs. Virginia 413
<b>Total offense</b>	Nebraska (Fiesta) vs. Florida 629
<b>Total plays</b>	Georgia (Peach) vs. Virginia 95
<b>Rushing defense</b>	Nebraska (Fiesta) vs. Florida -28
<b>Passing defense</b>	Syracuse (Gator) vs. Clemson 69
<b>Total defense</b>	Syracuse (Gator) vs. Clemson 159
<b>Points</b>	Nebraska (Fiesta) vs. Florida 55
<b>Attendance</b>	Rose 100,102

## 1996-97 BOWL SCHEDULE

Date	Game	Kickoff (EST)	Site	Date	Game	Kickoff (EST)	Site
Dec. 19	Las Vegas	9:00	Las Vegas, NV	Dec. 31	Federal Express Orange	7:00	Miami, FL
Dec. 25	Jeep Eagle Aloha	4:30	Honolulu, HI	TBA	Carquest Auto Parts	TBA	Miami, FL
Dec. 27	Copper	8:00	Tucson, AZ	Jan. 1	Outback	11:00	Tampa, FL
Dec. 28	St. Jude Liberty	12:00	Memphis, TN	Jan. 1	Toyota Gator	12:30	Jacksonville, FL
Dec. 28	Peach	8:00	Atlanta, GA	Jan. 1	Rose	TBA	Pasadena, CA
Dec. 29	Builders Square Alamo	8:00	San Antonio, TX	Jan. 1	Compusa Florida Citrus	1:00	Orlando, FL
Dec. 30	Plymouth Holiday	TBA	San Diego, CA	Jan. 1	Cotton	TBA	Dallas, TX
Dec. 31	Poulan/Weed Eater Independence	TBA	Shreveport, LA	Jan. 1	Tostitos Fiesta	8:00	Tempe, AZ
Dec. 31	Norwest Sun	2:30	El Paso, TX	Jan. 2	Nokia Sugar	8:00	New Orleans, LA



# 1995 Division I-A Leaders

## Team

### TOTAL OFFENSE

Team	G	Pls.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Nevada	11	917	6263	6.8	63	569.4
Nebraska	11	855	6119	7.2	69	556.3
Florida State	11	885	6067	6.9	71	551.6
Florida	12	867	6413	7.4	72	534.4
Ohio State	12	865	5887	6.8	60	490.6
Colorado	11	809	5353	6.6	48	486.6
San Diego State	12	883	5785	6.6	51	482.1
New Mexico St.	11	811	5248	6.5	46	477.1
Auburn	11	788	5049	6.4	54	459.0
Fresno State	12	899	5479	6.1	47	456.6

### SCORING OFFENSE

Team	G	Pts.	Avg.
Nebraska	11	576	52.4
Florida State	11	532	48.4
Florida	12	534	44.5
Nevada	11	484	44.0
Auburn	11	424	38.5
Ohio State	12	461	38.4
Tennessee	11	411	37.4
Colorado	11	406	36.9
Kansas State	11	402	36.5
South Carolina	11	401	36.5

### RUSHING OFFENSE

Team	G	Car.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Nebraska	11	627	4398	7.0	51	399.8
Air Force	12	672	3989	5.9	36	332.4
Army	11	699	3632	5.2	36	330.2
Clemson	11	611	2855	4.7	24	259.5
Toledo	11	564	2690	4.8	32	244.5
Notre Dame	11	562	2572	4.6	29	233.8
Navy	11	574	2570	4.5	21	233.6
Purdue	11	522	2567	4.9	25	233.4
Iowa State	11	506	2513	5.0	23	228.5
Northern Illinois	11	546	2497	4.6	18	227.0

### PASSING OFFENSE

Team	G	Cmp.	Att.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	Att.	TD	YPG
Nevada	11	337	509	22	66.2	4579	9.0	39	416.3
Florida	12	287	457	12	62.8	4330	9.5	48	360.8
Florida State	11	297	465	14	63.9	3616	7.8	36	328.7
New Mexico State	11	260	454	20	57.3	3540	7.8	30	321.8
BYU	11	252	388	14	64.9	3469	8.9	20	315.4
South Carolina	11	282	420	10	67.1	3373	8.0	32	306.6
Eastern Michigan	11	254	441	19	57.6	3323	7.5	23	302.1
Colorado	11	222	366	11	60.7	3269	8.9	28	297.2
Fresno State	12	247	432	17	57.2	3483	8.1	25	290.3
Wake Forest	11	289	483	18	59.8	3073	6.4	19	279.4

### TOTAL DEFENSE

Team	G	Pls.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Kansas State	11	673	2759	4.1	16	250.8
Miami (Ohio)	11	738	2764	3.7	15	251.3
Texas A&M	11	773	2835	3.7	16	257.7
Ball State	11	712	2850	4.0	22	259.1
Baylor	11	709	2903	4.1	19	263.9
North Carolina	11	729	2940	4.0	25	267.3
Arizona	11	739	2976	4.0	19	270.5
Western Mich.	11	686	3092	4.5	23	281.1
Alabama	11	727	3125	4.3	21	284.1
Virginia Tech	11	782	3145	4.0	18	285.9

### SCORING DEFENSE

Team	G	Pts.	Avg.
Northwestern	11	140	12.7
Kansas State	11	145	13.2
Texas A&M	11	148	13.5
Nebraska	11	150	13.6
Virginia Tech	11	155	14.1
LSU	11	160	14.5
Louisville	11	165	15.0
Miami (Ohio)	11	165	15.0
Baylor	11	166	15.1
Clemson	11	178	16.2

### RUSHING DEFENSE

Team	G	Car.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Virginia Tech	11	429	851	2.0	7	77.4
Nebraska	11	341	862	2.5	6	78.4
Michigan	12	419	1081	2.6	12	90.1
Georgia Tech	11	372	1003	2.7	17	91.2
Arkansas	12	424	1251	3.0	15	104.3
Alabama	11	380	1158	3.0	9	105.3
Oregon	11	416	1163	2.8	15	105.7
Texas A&M	11	444	1164	2.6	8	105.8
Oklahoma	11	424	1200	2.8	11	109.1
Virginia	12	424	1310	3.1	15	109.2

### NET PUNTING

Team	Punts	Avg.	No.	Yds.	Ret.	Net
Ball State	66	46.5	29	346	41.3	
Wyoming	40	45.2	13	184	40.6	
Rice	57	43.6	23	181	40.5	
Oklahoma State	67	44.0	31	260	40.1	
Texas A&M	60	43.3	23	196	40.0	
Syracuse	40	43.1	13	131	39.8	
North Texas	78	42.1	29	190	39.6	
Kansas	53	42.4	20	159	39.4	
TCU	56	42.0	25	150	39.4	
Vanderbilt	74	41.0	29	140	39.1	

### PUNT RETURNS

Team	G	No.	Yds.	TD	Avg.
Eastern Mich.	11	8	166	1	20.8
BYU	11	26	492	2	18.9
Fresno State	12	22	398	2	18.1
Syracuse	11	23	390	2	17.0
Colorado State	11	36	562	3	15.6
San Diego State	12	23	338	0	14.7
Boston College	12	20	284	2	14.2
UCLA	11	31	433	2	14.0
Northwestern	11	30	418	1	13.9
Michigan St.	11	25	337	2	13.5

### KICKOFF RETURNS

Team	G	No.	Yds.	TD	Avg.
New Mexico	11	35	947	1	27.1
Stanford	11	39	1024	2	26.3
Cincinnati	11	37	930	1	25.1
Tennessee	11	30	752	0	25.1
Air Force	12	38	922	0	24.3
Baylor	11	25	604	0	24.2
South Carolina	11	46	1084	1	23.6
Florida	12	38	886	1	23.3
Southern Miss.	11	42	965	1	23.0
Michigan State	11	42	961	1	22.9

### PASSING DEFENSE

Team	G	Cmp.	Att.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	Cmp.	Yds./	Rating
Miami (Ohio)	11	137	303	22	45.2	1544	5.1	11	85.5
Texas A&M	11	150	329	13	45.6	1671	5.1	8	88.4
Texas Tech	11	153	372	15	41.0	2020	5.4	14	91.1
Ball State	11	128	303	10	42.2	1469	4.8	14	91.6
Baylor	11	148	310	13	47.7	1661	5.4	7	91.8
LSU	11	158	343	13	46.1	1907	5.6	8	92.9
East Carolina	11	157	332	19	47.3	1988	6.0	7	93.1
Cincinnati	11	162	347	20	46.7	2011	5.8	11	94.3
Louisville	11	350	175	24	50.0	2130	6.1	8	95.0
Miami (Fla.)	11	145	302	12	48.0	1631	5.4	10	96.4

## Individual

### PASSING EFFICIENCY

Player and School	Cl.	G	Cmp.	Att.	Pct.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	Att.	TD	Rating
Danny Wuerffel, Florida	Jr.	11	210	325	64.6	10	3.1	3266	10.1	35	178.4
Bobby Hoving, Ohio State	Sr.	12	192	303	63.4	11	3.6	3023	10.0	28	170.4
Donovan McNabb, Syracuse	Fr.	11	128	207	61.8	6	2.9	1991	9.6	16	162.3
Mike Maxwell, Nevada	Sr.	9	277	409	67.7	17	4.2	3611	8.8	33	160.2
Matt Miller, Kansas State	Sr.	11	154	240	64.2	11	4.6	2059	8.6	22	157.3
Steve Taneyhill, South Carolina	Sr.	11	261	389	67.1	9	2.3	3094	8.0	29	153.9
Jim Arelanes, Fresno State	Jr.	9	102	172	59.3	6	3.5	1539	9.0	13	152.4
Donald Sellers, New Mexico	Jr.	10	121	195	62.1	3	1.5	1693	8.7	11	150.5
Steve Sarkisian, BYU	Jr.	11	250	385	64.9	14	3.6	3437	8.9	20	149.8
Josh Wallwork, Wyoming	Jr.	10	163	271	60.2	13	4.8	2363	8.7	21	149.4

### PUNTING

Player and School	Cl.	No.	Avg.
Brad Maynard, Ball State	Jr.	66	46.5
Brian Gragert, Wyoming	Sr.	40	45.2
Greg Ivy, Oklahoma State	Sr.	66	44.7
Chad Kessler, LSU	So.	47	44.1

### RUSHING

Player and School	Cl.	G	Car.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Troy Davis, Iowa State	So.	11	345	2010	5.8	15	182.7
Wasean Tait, Toledo	Jr.	11	357	1905	5.3	20	173.2
George Jones, San Diego State	Jr.	12	305	1842	6.0	23	153.5
Darnell Autry, Northwestern	So.	11	355	1675	4.7	14	152.3
Eddie George, Ohio State	Sr.	12	303	1826	6.0	23	152.2
Deland McCullough, Miami (Ohio)	Sr.	11	321	1627	5.1	14	147.9
Moe Williams, Kentucky	Jr.	11	294	1600	5.4	17	145.5
Tshimanga Biakabutuka, Michigan	Jr.	12	279	1724	6.2	12	143.7
Karim Abdul-Jabbar, UCLA	Jr.	10	270	1419	5.3	11	141.9
Charles Talley, Northern Illinois	Jr.	11	285	1540	5.4	7	140.0

### SCORING

Player and School	Cl.	G	TD	XP	FG	Pts.	PPG
Eddie George, Ohio State	Sr.	12	24	0	0	144	12.0
George Jones, San Diego State	Jr.	12	23	0	0	138	11.5
Wasean Tait, Toledo	Jr.	11	20	0	0	120	10.9
Scott Greene, Michigan State	Sr.	10	17	2	0	104	10.4
Byron Hanspard, Texas Tech	So.	11	18	0	0	108	9.8
Leland McElroy, Texas A&M	Jr.	10	16	0	0	96	9.6
Beau Morgan, Air Force	Jr.	12	19	0	0	114	9.5
Terry Glenn, Ohio State	Jr.	11	17	2	0	104	9.5
Stephen Davis, Auburn	Sr.	11	17	0	0	102	9.3
Moe Williams, Kentucky	Jr.	11	17	0	0	102	9.3

### TOTAL OFFENSE

Player and School	Cl.	RUSHING				PASSING			TOTAL OFFENSE			
		Car.	Gain	Loss	Net	Att.	Yds.	Pls.	Yds.	YdPl	TDR	YPG
Mike Maxwell, Nevada	Sr.	34	91	79	12	409	3611	443	3623	8.2	34	402.6
Cody Ledbetter, New Mexico St.	Sr.	90	405	182	223	453	3501	543	3724	6.9	32	338.6
Steve Sarkisian, BYU	Jr.	82	136	303	-167	385	3437	467	3270	7.0	22	297.3
Charlie Batch, Eastern Michigan	Jr.	61	157	105	52	421	3177	482	3229	6.7	24	293.6
Danny Wuerffel, Florida	Jr.	46	65	206	-141	325	3266	371	3125	8.4	37	284.1
Steve Taneyhill, South Carolina	Sr.	66	203	241	-38	389	3094	455	3056	6.7	29	277.8
Billy Blanton, San Diego State	Jr.	69	225	201	24	389	3300	458	3324	7.3	23	277.0
Tony Graziani, Oregon	Jr.	70	333	95	238	389	2491	459	2729	6.0	17	272.9
Peyton Manning, Tennessee	So.	41	90	84	6	380	2954	421	2960	7.0	27	269.1
Marcus Crandell, East Carolina	Jr.	94	327	126	201	447	2751	541	2952	5.5	24	268.4
Danny Kannel, Florida State	Jr.	19	30	71	-41	402	2957	421	2916	6.9	32	265.1





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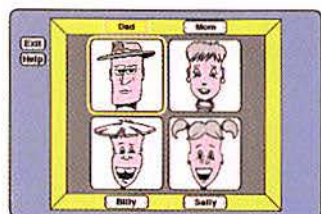
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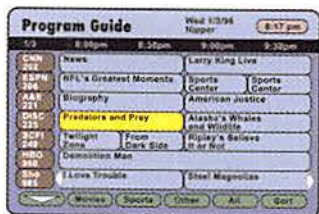


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